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Tai Po ...Dep.	9.10	—	—	9.45	11.00	12.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	3.00	3.45	4.00
Tai Po Market Dep.	9.20	—	—	9.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	2.10	2.25	3.10	3.55	4.10
Fauing ...Dep.	9.30	—	—	10.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	2.20	2.35	3.20	4.05	4.20
Shennan ...Dep.	9.40	—	—	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.30	4.15	4.30
Shennan ...Arr.	7.45	8.45	9.15	10.15	11.25	12.35	2.15	3.15	3.45	4.35	5.15	5.45
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	A.M.	A.M.	E.	O.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fauing ...Dep.	7.45	8.15	8.45	9.15	9.45	10.15	10.45
Shennan ...Dep.	8.40	9.10	9.40	10.10	10.40	11.10	11.40
Shennan ...Arr.	6.30	7.00	7.30	8.00	8.30	9.00	9.30

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NOTABLE VISITORS.

SIR RONALD AND LADY MACLEAY.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Sir Ronald Macleay, formerly H.R.M. Minister at Peking, who has been succeeded by Mr. Miles Lampson, is arriving in Hong Kong to-day by the s.s. *Macedonia* by which vessel he is proceeding to England. He is accompanied by Lady Macleay. The vessel leaves on Saturday, and to-day Sir Ronald and Lady Macleay will be the guests of H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi at Government House.
During the morning Sir Ronald Macleay will invest Mr. Kirke (H.B.M. Consul at Swatow) with the C.B.E.
Mr. Kirke arrived yesterday by the s.s. *Haiching*, and is the guest of His Excellency and Lady Clementi at Mountain Lodge.

HUNAN UPEHAVAL.

CHINA AND RUSSIA "UNITED
FOR EVER."

A RUSSIAN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

The situation in Hunan, and particularly in Changsha, is assuming such proportions that it is impossible to tell what the outcome may be, says a *Shanghai Mercury* correspondent in a message dated November 29th. Demonstrations, parades, demands and strikes are the order of the day. The anniversary of the Russian Revolution was celebrated in a way that put parades up to that time quite in the shade. All the schools and all labour organizations united in one procession, and one feature consisted in passing through the grounds of the place which the Russian Consul has rented in order to congratulate him and in turn receive his congratulations. The procession got under way just at dusk, and each participant carried a Chinese lantern, so that the effect was most impressive.
For this event and others which have followed the walls of the houses and shops have been covered with placards and posters announcing that China and Russia are united for ever, and that the revolution is to be carried on until the whole world is Sovietized.

Bandits Meet Missionaries.
Meanwhile lawlessness continues in many sections, and it is not considered safe to travel. Rev. J. A. O. Gotteberg, of the Norwegian Mission, when within a day's journey of the city was held up by bandits and robbed.
Two other missionaries were stopped by soldiers who demanded a ransom of several thousand dollars but were eventually satisfied with \$50 which the missionaries were taking to pay country evangelists.
Further particulars are given of the pirating of the Japanese steamer, *Satoh Maru*, which makes a weekly trip between Hankow and Changsha. After crossing the Tungting Lake the ship was fired on by a band of several hundred soldiers, one of the Chinese passengers being wounded. The Captain anchored and immediately twenty or thirty of the soldiers came aboard in a sampan, while the others stood guard on the shore. It was apparent at once that they were bandits after money. They demanded huge sums, and the Captain and comrades produced all the money on board, which amounted to over a thousand dollars. Assuming that they had obtained all the available cash on board, they decided to take the Captain as hostage to hold for a large reward, and did take him ashore, but, as good luck favoured, he suddenly remembered a few hundred dollars that he had concealed on his person, and with this to supplement what they had already obtained he was allowed to return to the steamer.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on November 8th:—
Engr. Capt. W. H. Mitchell to *Tamar*, addl. (December 14th), and as chief engineer, Hong Kong (on joining);
Paymaster-Commander G. H. Thomson, O.B.E., to *Bea*, addl. (January 14th, 1927), and as Resident Naval Officer, Shanghai (from date of joining).
The selection is announced of Paymaster-Comdr. G. H. Thomson, O.B.E., lately studying at the secretaries' course at Portsmouth, to be resident naval officer at Shanghai, in succession to Paymaster-Comdr. J. M. L. Cusack, who will complete two years on January 12th. Paymaster-Comdr. Thomson's last post was in accountant charge on board the aircraft-carrier *Penguin*. He was connected with naval aircraft units during the war, and at one time was secretary to Rear-Admiral C. L. Vaughan-Lee, Director of Air Services at the Admiralty. In 1919 he was appointed for personnel staff duties at the headquarters of the coastal area of the Royal Air Force, with the rank of wing-commander.

DEPUTATION TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

CHINA COMMITTEE AND FOREIGN
SECRETARY.

SEVERAL FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS PRESENT.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was accompanied by Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, M.P., and Sir Victor Wellesley, received a deputation from the China Committee at the Foreign Office on November 8th. The China Committee was represented by:—
Lord Southborough (Chairman), Mr. F. Anderson and Mr. Stanley Dodwell (representing the London Chamber of Commerce), Mr. J. Rankine Findlayson and Mr. W. Maxwell Reekie (representing the Manchester Chamber of Commerce), Mr. D. Landale and Mr. L. N. Leefe (representing the China Association), Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Bt. (representing the Federation of British Industries), Major W. S. Nathan (the Pekin Syndicate, Limited), Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., Mr. Archibald Rose (the British-American Tobacco Co. Ltd.) and Sir Newton J. Stabb (the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation).

Lord Southborough introduced the deputation and, after several speeches, to which the Secretary of State replied, there was a full and frank discussion on the whole subject of the present position of affairs in China. The Committee expressed their warm thanks to the Secretary of State for the manner in which he had received them.

Chinese Railways.

In the House of Commons on November 9th, Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had received any information showing which of the Chinese railways in which British investors are interested are now actually running; and whether interest on the English issue of the Tientsin-Pukow bond is now being paid.
Mr. Locker-Lampson: According to the latest report from His Majesty's Minister at Peking, the Shanghai-Nanking and the Shanghai-Hankow-Ningpo Railways are now working well. As regards the Peking-Mukden, the Tientsin-Pukow, and the Canton-Kowloon Railways, I understand that although they are actually working, civil war conditions and interference by the local authorities have considerably impaired their earning capacity. Both issues of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway loans of 1908 and 1910 are still in default.
Replying to a further question by Mr. Bennett regarding the Tientsin Railway loan, Mr. Locker-Lampson said: There has not so far as I am aware, been any discrimination in treatment as between British and other non-German holders of validated bonds of the German issue, though there has been discrimination as between holders of the German issue as a whole and holders of the British issue, the position in regard to which was described in the reply given on March 10th last. As the whole of the issue of both the Tientsin-Pukow loans is now in default, the question of discrimination no longer arises, and His Majesty's Minister at Peking continues to press the Chinese Government to meet their obligations in respect of these loans.

RUSSIA'S RED ARMY.

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH
COMMUNIST PARTY.

TROTSKY'S VIEW OF ENGLAND.

At the recent conference of the Communist Party at Moscow the Political Bureau arranged an important special meeting of commanders of military districts, the Baltic and Black Sea Fleets, military delegates attending the conference, and high officials at the central military establishments. The chief subject discussed was the necessity to secure the loyalty of the Red Army to the Communist Party and to eliminate danger from the Opposition. The conference passed a resolution to strive to establish closer relations between the party organizations and the military commanders, and also to intensify party work among the rank and file.
The text was recently published of the speech which Trotsky the original organizer of the Red Army made at the party conference. Trotsky disputed Stalin's statements about the stabilization of capitalist countries, and said that Trotsky held up England as an example of a country where capitalism was fast going to rack and ruin. He declared that it was not "Baldwin or even Thomas who held things together," but "bourgeois England still stands, thanks to Purcell (Mr. A. A. Purcell, Labour M.P. for the Forest of Dean), whose opportunism prevents the revolutionization of the masses." Therefore, Trotsky said, he and his adherents held that solidarity with Purcell was wrong, and demanded the dissolution of the Anglo-Russian Committee [which represents the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and the Central Committee of the All-Russia Trades Union Council].

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
H.M.S. *Indefatigable* dance, Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 9 p.m. "Melodians" Orchestra.
Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Bat."
World Theatre: "Married Flirts."
Star Theatre: "The Dark Swan."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Suez (Malta); Australia and Manila (Cebu). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Makarov), 2.30 p.m.

Saturday.
M. Y. San Company Meeting, Queen's Road Office, 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance 4.30 p.m.
Cricket and Football (details in Saturday's issue).
Yachting: 6th Championship race for racing classes.
Carnival Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.
Dinner Dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
Dance at Craigengower Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.
Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Bat."
World Theatre: "Married Flirts."
Star Theatre: "The Dark Swan."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Suez (Makarov), 10.30 a.m.
Sunday.

St. John Ambulance Brigade Annual Competition for "Ralphs" Shield, Murray Parade Ground, 9 a.m.
Golf: Semi-final of R.H.K.G.C. Championship, at Fauing.
Cricket: H.V.D.C. v. Royal Artillery, U.S.R.C. ground, 11 a.m.
Yachting: 2nd Championship race for Cruisers.
Tennis:—Mixed Doubles Match: Craigengower Cricket Club v. Club de Recreo, at Craigengower Cricket Club, 3 p.m.
Monday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Yachting: Ladies Section of R.H.K.Y.C. 4th championship race.
Philharmonic Society present "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Makarov), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of H.K. Branch of Boy Scouts Association, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Concert at St. Stephen's Girls' College for Cathedral Organ Fund, Missions to Seamen and St. Peter's Church Fund, 8 p.m.
Wednesday.
Extraordinary Meeting H.K. and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, 11 a.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Matinee performance "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Wireless Telegraphy" by Capt. Miles at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Makarov), 1.30 p.m.

Thursday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Extraordinary General Meeting Royal H.K. Golf Club at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.; followed by Annual Meeting at 8.30 p.m.
Whist drive Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Social at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, to welcome Rev. and Mrs. W. Walton Rogers, 8.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tatishchev), 10.30 a.m.; Manila and Australia (Calcutta), 5 p.m.

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AGENTS.

ATTACK ON SUBADAR.

DEFENDANT ALLEGES STATEMENT
WAS FORCED FROM HIM.

PURCHASE OF A HATCHET.

"I was threatened by the Police and was forced to make a statement. If I did not do so, the Police would make me inhale fumes from burning chilies," said Pola Ram, who was charged with the attempted murder of Subadar Lakhu Ram at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, by hacking him with a hatchet on the morning of November 18th.

The accused was brought up on remand yesterday before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, at the Kowloon Magistracy. Capt. Middleton, of the 5/2 Punjab Regiment was on the Bench with Mr. Nihil, and Mr. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

An Indian sepoy said that during a recent hockey match, when the defendant was playing centre forward for the No. 5 platoon, the Subadar was refereed and had to caution defendant three times for unfair play. At the conclusion of the game, witness heard the Subadar threaten to bring the defendant before his superior officer. When asked if he could say whether the Subadar made the threat in a friendly tone or not, witness said he could not read what was in the Subadar's heart.

A young Chinese gave evidence of the purchase of the hatchet. When the oath was administered his Worship asked witness if he knew what an oath meant, and witness replied that he did. He went on to say that he was the brother of the "nonmoner" from whom the hatchet was bought by two Indians. Later at an identification parade, witness was able to recognise one of the purchasers. He pointed out a man called Ram Singh, and when Ram Singh was put under arrest he told the Police that he was only helping the prisoner to buy the hatchet, and on this information the defendant was arrested and Ram Singh was released. Witness said that two Indians made the purchase, and a fok in the shop would bear this out. He identified Ram Singh by his high cheek bones.

Prisoner's Statement to Police.

Sub-Inspector K. W. Andrews said that when the prisoner was taken to the Police Station, he made a verbal statement. He was cautioned in the usual manner, and was cautioned again after the charge was preferred against him. Defendant, however, asked for writing material to make a statement. This was given him and the statement made read: "Such is my fate. I went myself to kill the Subadar. My enemy against him had increased so

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"THE BAT."

MYSTERY-COMEDY-DRAMA AT THE
"QUEEN'S."

With thrill succeeding thrill, and mystery following mystery, "The Bat," which was shown at the Queen's Theatre for the first time yesterday, is a picture of intense interest from start to finish. The film version of the play by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, is even better than the original play. The story starts with mystery and mystery reigns until the last, when the surprising denouement takes place, and the identity of the slippery criminal, "The Bat," is at last revealed. The story is cleverly relieved by the fine touches of comedy introduced by Lizzie Ann (Louise Fazenda) the terrified maid, at the haunted mansion, to whom "The Bat" is a veritable nightmare. Other artists appearing in this picture include Jewel Carmen, Jack Pickford and Robert McKim. "The Bat" is a picture which should not be missed, but patrons are asked not to reveal the identity of the "Bat" to their friends, and so spoil the picture.

A feature of the programme, which is continuing until to-morrow is the orchestral concert by the Queen's Theatre Orchestra, which precedes the picture performance.

On Sunday the big attraction will be a paramount special "North of 36," a companion film to the "Covered Wagon," Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" also appear.

much that I could not restrain myself. What was done to the Subadar was done by me."

Prisoner said at the Court, that the statement which he made at the Station was forced from him. He alleged he was threatened by the Police officers, that if he did not confess, they would make him inhale fumes from burning chilies. Prisoner denied that he entertained any animosity against the Subadar, and went on to say how many enemies he had in the regiment. Defendant alleged that his bitterest enemy was Ram Singh, because Ram was jealous of the promotion the defendant received. The defendant further alleged that Ram Singh had sworn an oath to get him out of the Regiment.

"The Subadar has always been kind to me. He often complimented me on my good marksmanship, my fine hockey play and my swift running," said defendant. "When the other soldiers were working against me, the Subadar got me my stripe," continued defendant, "and there was no reason why I should do him harm." The defendant was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

LEAGUE CRICKET MATCH.

NAVY 2ND XI. BEATEN BY R.A.O.C.

Playing in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Cricket League on Wednesday on the Indian Recreation Club's ground, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps defeated the Royal Navy 2nd XI. by 38 runs.

The scores were as under:—

R.A.O.C.				
S/Sgt. Greenaway, l.b.w.	b	1		
Stevens		1		
S/Sgt. Walker, l.b.w.	b Noble	14		
S/Sgt. Gilbert, c and b Noble		15		
Pte. Lake, c and b Noble		13		
Comdr. Hool, l.b.w.	b Nave	3		
L/Cpl. Roberts, at b Nave		9		
Q.M.S. Mockett, b Nave		8		
S/Sgt. Butterfield, c and b Welch		39		
Cpl. Bendall, run out		11		
S/Sgt. Waterfield, not out		3		
Pte. Burger, l.b.w.	b Welch	2		
Extras		13		

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Noble	13	2	26	3
Stevens	10	1	41	1
Nave	8	1	35	3
Welch	4	1	3	2

ROYAL NAVY II.

Comdr. Gray, b Burger	23			
Lieut. Stevens, c Roberts b Lake	3			
Lieut. Sayer, b Lake	1			
Lieut. G. Williams, c and b Lake	0			
E. A. Binns, b Lake	22			
E.R.A. Kirk, b Burger	0			
Lieut. Nave	3			
Lieut. Carson, not out	14			
Writer Martin, run out	3			
Sto. Welch, l.b.w.	b Lake	1		
Sto. Noble, b Burger	0			
Extras	5			

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lake	13	5	34	5
Burger	13	1	43	3

FRIENDLY MATCH.

Kowloon C.C. v. H.M.S. "Hermes."

MORRIS SCORES CENTURY.

In a match yesterday, the Kowloon Cricket Club avenged their defeat of last month by beating the H.M.S. "Hermes" by 6 wickets, on their own ground. The visitors batted first with only ten men and made 159, of which Lt. Williams and Lt. Sturges contributed 54 and 53, respectively. Kowloon passed their opponents' total at the fifth wicket by a fine partnership between Capt. Morris and Raven, who carried the score from 49 to 162 in less than an hour.

The feature of yesterday's match was Capt. Morris' century. He played splendidly, and, at 95, was dropped at the slip. His contribution included 17 fours and took him a little over an hour. He made his hundredth run in the last over of the match. The scores follow:—

"HERMES"				
F/O. Newall, b Morris	26			
Lt. Garraway Williams, c sub, b Morris	54			
Lt. Sturges, c sub, b Ross	53			
Lt. Abel Smith, l.b.w.	b Lyal	0		
Lt. Cdr. Beatty, c H. Browne, b Ross	0			
Eng. Cdr. Villar, b Lyal	1			
Lt. Reawick, not out	8			
F/O. Brookman, b Lyal	0			
Pay-Lt. Slipper, run out	0			
Lt. Hesley, b Lyal	1			
Extras	13			

Total 159

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyal	11.1	4	26	4
Ross	7	1	48	2
Morris	1	2	42	2
Browne	2	0	24	0

KOWLOON C.C.

F. Edwards, l.b.w.	b Beatty	0		
J. C. Lyal, l.b.w.	b Beatty	9		
Lt. H. L. C. Hall, c Newall, b Beatty	100			
Capt. J. W. Morris, not out	40			
Capt. F. G. Davis, b Beatty	4			
A. R. F. Raven, not out	40			
Extras	9			

Total 162

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Beatty	15	3	43	4
Sturges	10	2	51	0
Villar	8	0	38	0
Brookman	4	0	23	0

NAVAL BILLIARDS.

"AMBROSE" WIN AGAINST "TAMAR."

A keenly contested billiard match was played on Wednesday evening at the Soldiers' Club between teams from H.M.S. Tamar Marines and H.M.S. Ambrose.

The result of the match was a win for the Ambrose players by 18 points.

The scores were as under:—

H.M.S. "AMBROSE"	
L. Gibb	100
D. S. Davies	100
W. G. Allen	54
H. M. Challands	100
W. A. Bowers	88
G. Bridgewater	100
A. B. Arston	79
D. Kelly	63
Total	661

H.M.S. "TAMAR" MARINES.

H. Barnicot	72
B. Freeman	68
J. Lee	100
C. Meares	33
Blake	72
Bennett	100
T. Williams	100
D. Shewring	100
Total	643

FOOTBALL.

INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

As reported yesterday, the first of the trial matches for the purpose of selecting a team to meet Shanghai at Chinese New Year, has been played. The second of the series of trial games will be on the Hong Kong Club ground next Wednesday. The kick-off is at 4.30 p.m., and the team are as under:—

Colours:—Anderson (K.O.S.B.'s), Ng Kam Chuen (China Athletic) and Luk Yut Tat (China Athletic); C. F. Ramedios (Recreio), Simms (R.A.M.C. and Kowloon), and Oram (Police); Taylor (Club), Fuertes (Recreio), Linaker (Club), J. M. Salva (Recreio), and Brown (Recreio).

White:—Avery (Tamar); Li Tin Sang (South China) and Chan So (South China); Brittain (Police), Hudson (Police), and Lam Luk Ying (China Athletic); Cornwall (Police), Ip Kau Ko (China Athletic), Leach (R.A.), McChinney (K.O.S.B.'s), and Chan Kwong (China Athletic).

Reserves:—Wallington (Club), Tin Yui On (South China), L. Roosa (Recreio), and Alexander (Club).

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Club Reserves v. China Athletic.

The Hong Kong Football Club Reserves team v. China Athletic "A" on the Club ground to-morrow, at 2.30 p.m., will be: Slipper Hill and Purves; Brown, Raiton and Pancheson; Bell, Thompson, Campbell, Trambitzky and White. Reserves: Mitchell, Howell and Ross.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

DRAW FOR "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

At a meeting of the Football Association Council yesterday evening the following draws were made in the annual competition for the Sunday Herald Cup to be played in the Christmas holiday:—England v. Scotland.

Portugal v. China.

The match between Portugal and China will be played on Christmas Day on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at 11 a.m., and the match between England and Scotland on Boxing Day (December 27th) on the ground at 4.30 p.m.

HOCKEY.

ARMY WIN SECOND GAME IN SIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

Playing against the Navy in the Sim Shield competition, on the United Services Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon, the Army obtained their revenge for their defeat of last week, by winning against the Navy by 3 goals to 2 goals, after a keenly contested match.

Last week the Navy won the first round by defeating the Army by two goals to one goal. Thus the Services are level at present, and their games against the Club in the next four weeks will decide the destination of the trophy.

As previously stated, the Hong Kong Hockey Club meet the Navy on the next two Wednesdays, and play the Army on the following two after that.

Y.M.C.A. Defeat Submarine "L.20."

Playing at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the European Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon) hockey team defeated a team from H.M. Submarine L. 20 by 3 goals to nil. The game was an excellent one.

A Correction.

In our report of the match between the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI and the Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery, in yesterday's Daily Press, we inadvertently stated that the Hockey Club lost by five goals to four. The report should have read that Hockey Club won the match by five goals to four.

GOLF.

LADIES' SHANGHAI FOURSOME.

The Ladies' Shanghai Foursome, played at Fanling on December 7th, for prizes presented by Mrs. Parthey, was won by Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Gilmore, with a score of 83-6-77.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Buenos Aires	45.31/32
New York	49.15/16
Amsterdam	19.23
Stockholm	18.15
Vienna	34.40
Madrid	31.89
Rio	51
Brussels	34.86
Milan	112
Copenhagen	18.20
Prague	18.2
Lisbon	2.17/32
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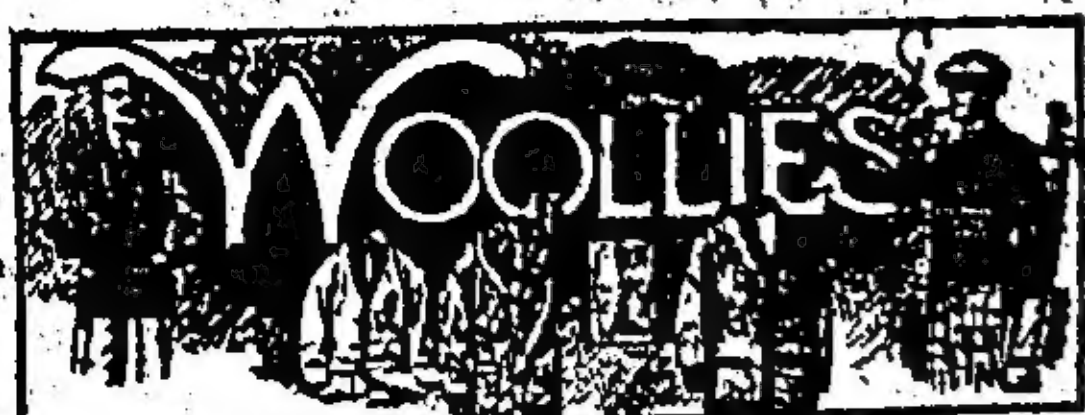
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Do.	11.65 nom.
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Maritime Bank, A. & B.	23.0 sel.
Do.	23.0 sel.
F. & O. Bank	23.4 buy.
East Asiatic Bank	48.1 nom.
Canal Insurance	36.40 buy.
China Underwriters	41.45 nom.
North China Insurance	11.15 nom.
Union Insurance	42.38 nom.
Yongtong Insurance	46.45 nom.
China Fire Insurance	32.00 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	36.15 buy.
Douglases	32.04 buy.
H.K. & C. M. Steamboats	32.7 nom.
Hongkong Tugs	31.1 nom.
Indo-China (Fret)	43.4 buy.
Do. (Debt)	44.4 nom.
Shall Transport	40.6 nom.
Star Fernes	40.40 sel.
Waterboats	41.5 buy.
China Sugars	32.5 sel.
Malayan Sugars	33.6 nom.
Benguet	31.1 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	38.1 nom.
Langkai (combined)	27.7 nom.
Do. (single)	27.7 nom.
Shanghai Exports	11.4 nom.
Shanghai Loans	11.4 nom.
Do. (Debt)	44.4 nom.
Tonghai Loans	20.7 buy.
Urd. Caminas	8.1 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	11.15 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	34.4 sel.
Hongkong	11.75 nom.
New Engineering	11.4 nom.
Shanghai Dock	11.7 sel.
H.K. & M. Hotel	49.4 sel.
Hongkong Land	49.4 sel.
Hongkong Realty	36.15 buy.
H.K. Territorial	43.4 sel.
Humphreys & Maties	11.5 sel.
Princes Buildings	38.0 nom.
Rural Lands	11.4 nom.
Two Cottons	11.4 sel.
Oriental	11.4 sel.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	24.4 nom.
Do. (new)	24.4 nom.
China Buses	11.9 buy.
Hongkong Tramways	22.2 buy. & ss. 23.4 sel.
Peak Tram (old)	10.1 nom.
Do. (new)	10.1 nom.
Singapore Tramways	15.1 sel.
Taxis	42.4 sel.
Amusements	11.6 buy.
Carton Ice	43.4 nom.

Cementa (combined)	31.1 sel.
Do. (old)	33.4 nom.
Do. (new)	33.4 nom.
China Lights (combined)	31.7 buy.
Do. (old)	31.7 sel.
Do. (new)	31.7 sel.
China Providents	35.4 nom.
Constructions	31.7 buy.
Dairy Farms	31.7 buy.
Der A. Wings	36.4 nom.
Hongkong Electric	36.4 nom.
Macao Electric	36.4 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	31.0 sel.
Do. (new)	31.0 sel.
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CRICKET NOTES

On Saturday last no less than six league matches were brought to a definite conclusion. This must be a bit of a record in its way, but in a good many cases the opposing teams were not well matched. The trouble will come, I fear, when the stronger sides get up against each other.

Last Week's Games.

The match between the H.E.C.C. and the Borderers was the most interesting event, and it looks rather as if I was right last week in suspecting that the soldiers relied rather on Dobbie and one or two more. But they had very heavy metal up against them. Six of the Club side have played Interport cricket for Hong Kong at some time or other, while Gardner I think represented Shanghai down here in 1924, and as a sidekick could take on the rest of the Colony with some hope of success.

The C.S.C.C. had not much trouble with Craigengower, and would have had even less save for very bad fielding. This, however, was almost entirely due to the glare. I do not remember quite such a difficult light in some twelve or thirteen seasons' experience. But although Craigengower lost badly, I do not think they need be too downhearted. Their team is very young and most of them have experience. It is perhaps a big if—they can keep the same side together for two or three seasons they will have an uncommonly good side. Two at least were uncommonly good in the field while Mackay has the makings of a fine bowler. He turns the ball surprisingly from the off, but he will have to be careful with his action as it is rather near a jerk at present.

The Indians only just managed to get the runs in time, but I hear they were more enterprising than usual. The R.E. and S. were evidently none too speedy as no less than 21 of the 47 overs sent down were maidens. A. el Arcull brought off a fine performance in taking 3 wickets for 55 runs. He is bowling very well at present.

The Second League.

In the second League the Navy second team rather crushed the Tamar. At the same time it is extraordinarily sporting of Tamar to field a side in the League and I wish Pay-Comdr. Coomber and his men astonishing luck. The Navy second are going to go pretty near winning the League unless "naval occasions" break up the side. I fancy one or two of them may go up into the first eleven later, but they should have plenty of material to draw on.

Kowloon were not expected to lose, and the Police brought off a very worthy performance. Lacey bowled well, and I am glad to see Alexander seems to be getting back his form with the bat.

In the other match the new-comers, the Club de Recreio won decisively against the R.A.O.C. and now tie for second place with the I.R.C. second, only 1 point behind University who have played an extra match.

Blushing Unseen.

The Navy and Kowloon First teams still have to play their first match. The delay is largely due to the fact that the Interport hung things up. The Navy side too have no ground, I believe, and that complicates the arrangement of fixtures. Happy Valley is certainly impossible unless they turn out a couple of platoons to keep the ground clear. And that reminds us. Whenever there is a Chinese team playing on the H.E.C.C. ground, the C.S.C. ground is rendered unusable for about ten minutes—usually at a vital period of the game by the crowd pouring across the S.E. corner of their ground. But I fear it is impossible to do anything—a permanent fence could hardly be erected, and perhaps in time the crowd may be persuaded to fetch a compass round the corner of the ground.

To-morrow's Matches.

The fixtures for to-morrow in the First Division are, according to the card:—

C.S.C.C. v. R.E. and Signals.
I.R.C. v. R.N.
K.C.C. v. C.C.C.
C.R.C. v. K.O.S.B.

In each case on the ground of the first named team. In the first match the Civil Service should win unless they fail to get their opponents out in time, or Capt. Bridgehead is a day late. Kowloon also should easily dispose of Craigengower, while the K.O.S.B. should manage to deal with the Chinese Recreation Club. The most uncertain match to prophesy about is the Indians v. Navy. I do not think I shall be very far wrong if I bet on a draw, however. It should be an interesting match to watch but the Navy may be a bit weak in bowling as I understand Woodward is unable to turn out. On his day, he is just the type of bowler to upset the stolid batting of the I.R.C.

Second Division.

According to the card only two matches are down for decision, Police v. C.S.C.C. on the former's ground, and Club de Recreio v. Tamar. The Club de Recreio have a good chance of pulling off the match on their ground, but the former encounter is a very open affair and it will depend upon which side is on its day. The Civil Service have no particular stars but someone or other usually comes off and they do fairly well. The Police depend a good deal on Facey and Alexander and as a side, when they are good they are very very good, but when they are not they are not.

I will not complete the quotation as it is always injudicious to be impolite to the Forces.
If the present cold snap is going to continue, it will be a case of blue fingers, and heaven help the man who has to stop a red-hot one before he has warmed up. Some people like it, I believe, but I am in process of searching for a portable radiator that can be concealed in the sweater and/or pants. Verb. sap.
R. ABBIT

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TOTAL OF \$127,227 VOTED.

TO SUPPLEMENT 1926 ESTIMATES.

A meeting of the Colony's Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon when a total sum of \$127,227 was voted to supplement the estimates of 1926.

The Colonial Secretary presided and those present included the Colonial Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

The items of supplementary expenditure sent by H.E. The Governor for consideration included the following:

Education Department.

A sum of \$1,130 for the equipment of King's College; \$610 for fencing Queen's College playing ground.

With respect to the latter item the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang asked if the Government proposed to pay for the fencing of other football grounds in the Colony if such fencing was required.

The CHAIRMAN: Not unless they are grounds for Government employees. (Laughter.)

Public Works Extraordinary.

Extensions to Sisters' Quarters at the Government Civil Hospital \$3,500.
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What are these additional quarters?

The Director of Public Works: A new wing for the Sisters' Quarters. The original estimate was \$102,000 and the revised estimate \$142,673.04. The original estimate was only approximate as it was prepared from sketch plans and as it was not known then whether the project would be carried through. Subsequently complete plans were drawn up and there had been many additions including two large verandahs. The amount spent in 1925 was \$112,173.04. The amount voted for 1926 was \$25,000 and the amount required was \$30,500. This balance of \$5,500 was now asked for.

To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon, \$15,000. It was explained that work had proceeded faster than was anticipated and that additional areas were still required for exchanges for villagers who had accepted terms of exchange.

Public Works Recurrent.

Maintenance of Waterworks, Kowloon—\$15,000.—The provision made in the estimates for this work was \$25,000, but owing to the retrenchment on the Recurrent votes in the estimates for 1925 the amount asked for by the Water Engineer was cut down below the minimum found necessary for efficient maintenance. The Kowloon system, it was explained, was rapidly growing and spreading over a very large area. The expenditure in 1924, 1925 and 1926 was \$27,977, \$28,563 and \$28,468. The supplementary vote of \$13,000 would bring the expenditure to \$40,000 for 1926. The amount placed in the estimates for 1927 is \$35,000 which the Director of Public Works anticipated would be sufficient owing to various economies effected.

The Director of Public Works: There has been a large number of applications for meters. These are revenue producing and we want to meet these applications as soon as possible.

Piracy Prevention.

Fitting wireless installation on No. 2 Police launch \$2,300. Owing to the increase of piracies even within British waters, it was explained, the need for wireless on police cruising launches had become imperative. It has been provided on No. 4 launch, destined to patrol the Eastern waters of the Colony. No. 2 launch patrolled the Western waters and was suited for a wireless installation. Provision had been made for such installation in the 1927 estimates, but as the matter was urgent and the launch was being placed on the slip it was considered advisable to fit the wireless now.

Transport of Government Servants.

The provision made in the estimates was \$150,000 and a supplementary vote of \$49,000 was asked for. It was explained that there was considerable difficulty in estimating for this expenditure as it was not possible to forecast accurately the number of officers who would require long leave, family passages, etc. The expenditure in 1925 was \$138,318, in 1924 \$159,147 and in 1923, \$154,072.

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird: How is it you do not know exactly what Government officers are due for long leave?

The COLONIAL TREASURER: This year there have been a large number of people, with very large families, going home. I cannot exactly estimate beforehand how many will go.

Hon. Mr. Bird: I can understand that in a few cases leave may be advanced as retarded, but I should have thought the time would be fixed in the great majority of cases.

The COLONIAL TREASURER: In August we don't know who is going because they have not applied.

Hon. Mr. Bird: They have to go at a certain time don't they?

The COLONIAL TREASURER: No.

The Disaster at the Pumping Station.

Gratuities to personal representatives of Chan Yam, Chung Fat, Hung Sing and So Yau.

The CHAIRMAN: These are the unfortunate people who lost their lives at the Pooklam Pumping Station when the large boulder, loosened by the heavy rain, crashed upon it.

It was explained that the sum asked for is the equivalent of a year's salary in each case, namely:—Chan Yam \$498.40, Chung Fat \$253.50, Hung Sing \$396.30 and So Yau \$192.50 making a total of \$1,340.70—and will be handed to the personal representatives on their accepting responsibility for discharging any legitimate claim for funeral expenses incurred. The personal representative in two cases is the widow to whom the Governor in Council has already approved a widow's pension at \$100 a year, in the other two cases it is the mother.

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INSPECTOR PINCOTT.

DEPARTS FOR HOME TO-MORROW.

GIFTS FROM COLLEAGUES.

Inspector Pincott of the Hong Kong Police Force is leaving for Home by the a.m. Macedonia to-morrow on retirement after over twenty years service in the Force. At a gathering at the Central Police Station yesterday, his colleagues presented him with parting gifts.

The presentation which was made by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the C.S.P., consisted of a silver cake stand with real china crockery plates, a silver cake dish, a silver coffee pot, travelling rug, and a clock. On the clock was inscribed:—"Presented to Detective Inspector Pincott by his comrades in the Hong Kong Police Force on the occasion of his retiring, December 11th."

With Mr. Wolfe was Mr. C. D. Perdue, Assistant Superintendent of Police. Other officers present were Chief Inspector W. Kent, Divisional Inspector W. Spear, Inspector A. R. Clark, W. McWalter, W. Shannon, Andrew, Bloor, Reynolds and Marks, Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy, Acting Inspector Moss, Sub-Inspector Ellis, Sergeants Car-gill, Whelan, Plattery, Nolloth, Kennedy and Mr. W. E. Hollands, P.W.D.

A Popular Officer.

In making the presentation, the C.S.P. said they were met to bid farewell to their colleague, comrade and friend, Inspector Pincott. He did not know whether he should start to criticize at the beginning, but he added, humorously, he personally rezeated an officer looking so fit and well, when going Home. However if he (the C.S.P.) was in Inspector Pincott's position, he would do exactly the same. When they had a thoroughly efficient officer, and a popular officer in the Police, they were very sorry to lose him, but they were glad to see that the Inspector was going Home looking fit and well.

Commanded by the Governor.

Inspector Pincott joined the service a little over twenty years ago, continued Mr. Wolfe, and there were few men during that time who had done better, or could show a better record. He had no less than five commendations from the C.S.P., and he presumed the C.S.P. got tired of commending him and passed him on to the Governor, as he had two commendations from the Governor. Mr. Wolfe hoped Inspector Pincott would receive a further one for his excellent work in Kowloon, particularly Yau-mai, during the past year, before he left.

Mrs. Pincott's Work.

Mr. Wolfe said they also felt very sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Pincott. Mrs. Pincott had been most useful in helping in that work with which so many of the police officers' wives assisted—charitable work in connection with the Ministering Children's League, and also work concerning other charities. He then asked Inspector Pincott to accept the gifts on behalf of the Police Force.

In reply, Inspector Pincott expressed his thanks on behalf of himself and his wife for the kind remarks that had been made. Going Home, meant breaking off a lot of friendships, but he hoped to see some of them again in the old country.

The proceedings concluded with a toast to Inspector and Mrs. Pincott, which was heartily drunk.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

RESULT OF YEAR'S WORKING.

The annual report of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, which will be presented to the general meeting on December 16th, shows that the membership of the Club is now 1,562, of whom 103 are members of the Junior section.

During the year ending September 30th, 77 resident members and 23 members of the junior second joined the Club, the membership now comprising the following:—Honorary members 4; life members 60; non-playing members 23; absent members 602; naval subscribers 14; military subscribers 30. Junior Section: Resident members 83; absent members 35. In addition 460 ladies are registered as being granted the use of the Courses and Club Houses.

The following served on the Committee during the year: Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (President); Mr. N. L. Smith (Captain); Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, D. G. Bruce, J. W. Franks, A. K. Henderson, C. Sulmer Johnson, C. D. Lambert, R. L. Moncrieff, T. D. E. Pendered, J. M. Walker, and D. Templeton.

The Accounts.

The working expenses for the year, apart from serving meals, etc., amounted to \$67,361.97 as against \$55,900.84 in 1925. The receipts were \$68,612.00 as compared with \$61,333.00 in 1925. A profit of \$2,450.16 on this account in 1925, therefore, has been turned into a loss this year of \$3,749.97. The wages were about the same. The maintenance charges were less this year than last year (Happy Valley \$1,848.19; Deep Water Bay \$3,918.06; Fanning, \$15,002.53). This year, however, \$12,561.98 has been spent in repairs and renewals against \$1,380.17 last year.

The profit on the "goods supplied account" was \$18,237.66. Deducting from this the loss of \$3,749.97, shown above, there is a net profit on working account of \$7,477.88 as compared with a profit of \$19,689.20 in 1925.

The profit and loss account for the year, shows a net loss of \$6,091.23 as against a profit of \$8,003.78 in 1925. This loss being transferred to reserve account brings the reserve as shown in the balance sheet from \$92,000 to \$86,000.

"HAWKINS" THEFT.

A BOY AND A CASH BOX.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsay, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a young Chinese was charged the attempted theft of a cash-box, containing \$135 from the cabin of Paymaster-Lieutenant V. R. Jordan, of H.M.S. Hawkins.

Pte. Watts, of the R.M. gave evidence to the effect that he followed defendant on seeing him leave the cabin, and Albert Charles Lamb, master-at-arms on board the Hawkins, said he found on defendant \$31 in cash and a tin opener. A small piece of iron was found inside the cash-box, and this exactly fitted the broken end of the tin-opener.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

HEAVY SNOW STORMS IN NORTHERN JAPAN.

COMMUNICATIONS HAMPERED.

FISHING BOATS MISSING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, December 9th. Heavy snowstorms are raging throughout Northern Japan, seriously hindering communications. Fishing boats are suffering severely and rescue vessels have been despatched to search for sixty which are missing off Oshika, near Sendai.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

DILATORY PAYERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHINA, PERU, BOLIVIA.

LONDON, December 9th. In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Woodcock, Mr. Locker Lampson said that so far as he knew no definite scheme of payment had been submitted to China, Peru and Bolivia as to their arrears of contributions to the League. Part of the Chinese contribution in respect of 1925 had been paid, but nothing had been received in respect of 1923-4 and payment on account of the 1924 contribution had not been received. The last payment of Peru was in 1920 and of Bolivia in 1923. The League Council was considering steps to recover the money and the question of their continuance of membership.

MR. BENES' REPORT ADOPTED.

GENEVA, December 9th. The Council adopted the report submitted by Mr. Benes, the rapporteur, dealing with the arbitration, security and reduction of armaments, according to a resolution recommending member States to conclude agreements tending to establish confidence and security whenever circumstances were favourable. The Council requested the Preparatory Committee to fix a date and draft an agenda for the Disarmament Conference.

SINGAPORE BASE.

HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION.

LONDON, December 9th. In the House of Commons, replying to Major Horne-Belsham, Mr. W. C. Davidson said that \$185,000 out of the \$250,000 subscribed by Hong Kong to the cost of the Singapore base had hitherto been spent.

There were 988 men working on the Singapore Base in October.

P. & O. CO.

POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PASSAGE RATES.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC EXPANDING.

LONDON, December 9th. Lord Inchcape, presiding at the annual meeting of the P. & O. Co., said the Board was considering the question of treating the Insurance Fund as a Reserve as they could insure outstanding risks for a much lesser sum than the amount standing to its credit. Unless running costs, which were 75 per cent. higher than before the war, diminished an increase in passage rates might be necessary. The condition of China had caused a serious loss in traffic but passenger traffic continued to expand remarkably. The coal strike had cost the Company over £200,000. He believed that even if Empire Airways became a commercial proposition the Peninsular and Oriental would hold its own.

BRITAIN'S COAL OUTPUT.

BELOW PRE-STRIKE FIGURES.

LONDON, December 9th. The first official returns since the general resumption of work in the coalfields show that the output of coal for the week ended November 27th, was 2,324,000 tons by 445,000 men as compared with 2,097,000 tons before the stoppage for the week ended May 1st.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

THE DATE FIXED.

GENEVA, December 9th. The League Council has decided to hold an Economic Conference at Geneva on May 4th next.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON'S CROSS-RIVER TRAFFIC.

FOUR NEW BRIDGES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

ROYAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

RUHR, December 9th. The report on the London cross river traffic, presented by the Royal Commission, recommends improvements including the construction of four more Thames bridges costing altogether £27,500,000. Much public satisfaction is expressed that the Commission propose the preservation of Waterloo Bridge which is the most beautiful one spanning the Thames. They suggest the rebuilding of unsonorous parts and widening the structure in such a way as to preserve the original design. The most important proposal is for a new double-deck bridge at Charing Cross to carry road and rail traffic and a continuation of this bridge across the Strand. A new bridge with a high-level roadway from Southwark across the river at Blackfriars and over Fleet Street to Holborn is also recommended and other proposed new bridges would be further up river at Fulham and Chiswick. The extensive programme includes reconstructing some existing bridges and tunnels and their approaches.

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT.

INSURANCE CONFERENCE HELD IN LONDON.

DISCUSSING THE SOUNDNESS OF FIRMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 9th. Delegates of eighteen countries attended the International Credit Insurance Conference in London with a view to forming personal contact with insurance experts of different countries for the purpose of reaching a uniform system of co-operation concerning advice with regard to the soundness of firms and also to discuss the forms of insurance which may safely be undertaken. A resolution was adopted mutually undertaking to offer every facility for obtaining information of defaulting debtors resident in their respective countries.

BIG SHIPPING DEAL.

ROYAL MAIL'S OFFER FOR THE LEYLAND AND RED STAR LINES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 9th. The transfer of 436 vessels, aggregating \$30,000,000, tons are involved in the offer of the Royal Mail Steamship Company for the purchase of the Leyland and Red Star Lines from the International Maritime Marine, whose directors are considering the offer favourably.

REGRETTABLE INCIDENT.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE INVOLVED IN BRAWL.

MEXICO CITY, December 9th. The representative of a foreign Power was involved in a street brawl as a result of his failure to observe the signals of a policeman directing the traffic. Senor Pedro Gual, the Spanish Charge d'Affaires, who was the motorist concerned, was pursued by the policeman whom he is alleged to have struck on the face, whereupon the bystanders, sympathizing with the officer, began to thrash Gual, who was recognized and extricated from the melee in the nick of time by M. Suenz, the Mexican Foreign Minister, who happened to pass.

WORLD'S LARGEST BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

NEW YORK, December 9th. The National City Bank will become the largest banking institution in the world as a result of the Directors' decision to recommend an increase of the bank's capital by \$25,000,000 to \$140,000,000. The Midland Bank of England comes next, with a capital of \$130,000,000.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

U. S. PRESS COMMENT.

NEW YORK, December 9th. The newspaper comments on the President's address to Congress are strongly tinged according to their political predisposition. Perhaps the best criticism comes from the *Journal of Commerce* which draws attention to the fact that the World Court was not even mentioned, but that President Coolidge expresses his willingness to follow the lines laid out in the Washington Conference in 1921. "Our general foreign policy is well-known to be according to our President and its nature is described in such vague terms that it remains well-known for its obscurity also."

AMERICA'S BUDGET.

QUESTION OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

WASHINGTON, December 9th. The U. S. Government's budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1st next provides for appropriations amounting to \$4,014,000,000, an increase of \$18,000,000 as compared with the current year, chiefly owing to increase in pensions for veterans of the Civil War and Spanish War and increased appropriations for the Veterans' Bureau and the Postal Service. On the contrary there is the prospect of a reduction of \$30,000,000 in interest on the public debt. Prohibition enforcement will cost \$30,000,000 and and navy appropriations \$9,000,000 less than the present year. President Coolidge has asked Congress to postpone the construction of the remaining three out of the eight light cruisers which were to have been started before July in view of the fact that the United States is negotiating for a widening of the Washington naval armaments treaty. The President has also omitted provision for the construction of two rigid airships which Congress authorized to be built at a cost of \$2,000,000 prior to July next and asked for time to be given to experiment with an all-metal airship now building at a cost of \$200,000. Twenty millions are appropriated for the War Department. President Coolidge emphasizes that the present peacefulness does not warrant the neglect of defence. President Coolidge has emphatically declared that he is against any permanent reduction in tax rates at present.

MADAME KOLLONTAY.

WHAT SHE THINKS OF AMERICANS.

VERA, Caus, December 8th. Madame Kollontay has arrived here. Referring to the refusal of the American authorities to permit her to traverse the United States she has declared that Americans do not know the difference between a diplomatic and propaganda post.

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT.

STATEMENT BY SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUHR, December 9th. When general international disarmament was discussed by the League Council last night, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised the great interest taken by Britain in the work of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament and the British desire of which proof has already been given to lighten the burden of armaments. He appealed to the public not to display impatience at the delay in a World Conference. The most important point was that when the conference did meet it should be successful and careful preparatory work was therefore essential.

BONDS OF EMPIRE.

EARL BALFOUR'S SAGE VIEWS.

THE EMPIRE MORE UNITED THAN BEFORE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RUHR, December 9th. The matter of the decisions of the Imperial Conference regarding international relations was raised by Lord Parmoor (Labour), in the House of Lords. Lord Balfour, replying, said his own personal view was that the relations of the Dominion and this country must necessarily be those of equality. Free States could not be conceived as one above another. One might have more responsibility than another and one might be in more danger than another, but all were on an equality. That was the very essence of the British Empire. The broad principles stood that no control was exercised by a single one of the governing parts of the Empire over any other part. From this equality, some foreigners were disposed to think that we were bound to separate in a short time. His own view was precisely the contrary. He held strongly that the British Empire was now a more united organism than ever before. That organism was held together far more effectively by broad loyalties and common feelings of interest and devotion and ideals of peace and freedom. Those were the bonds of the Empire and if they were not enough then nothing else would be enough. There could not, of course, be equality of functions within the Empire. That must depend on the circumstances of the moment and for many years to come the main burden of defence must fall upon this country. For perhaps an indefinite period to come the leading part in the conduct of foreign affairs must also fall upon this country. The course followed by the representatives of the Dominions at the Imperial Conference was the course of state-manship.

DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY.

GENEVA DISCUSSIONS IN PROGRESS.

RUHR, December 9th. The interview between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Herr Schubert, representing Dr. Stresemann, who is unwell, was the only conversation on German disarmament held by statesmen at Geneva yesterday.

Progress is reported in the discussions between British, French and German jurists on the reservations which Germany had made regarding the League investigation scheme. Meanwhile, statesmen are awaiting the latest information on outstanding points in the disarmament issue which they have requested from Paris and Berlin and are being discussed at today's meeting in Paris of the Ambassadors Conference.

TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT.

NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RUHR, December 9th. The first meeting of the Legislative Council of Tanganyika, which was established by an Order in Council on March 16th last, was held yesterday. H. E. the Governor, Sir Donald Cameron, read a message from H. M. the King conveying an assurance of his deep interest in all the concerns of the welfare of the people of every race in the Tanganyika Territory, and also his confident hope that, with the assistance of the new Council, their happiness and prosperity will continue to increase. The Council consists of the Governor, as President, thirteen official members and not more than ten unofficial members, who shall be such persons not holding office in the Territory as the Governor may from time to time appoint. In addition, whenever upon any special occasion the Governor wishes to obtain the views of any person within the Territory touching any matter to be brought before the Council, he may appoint such person for such occasion as an extraordinary member of the Council.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET.

EVIDENCE OF ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA.

RUHR, December 8th. Members of the House of Commons again raised the question of British relations with Russia. Mr. Locker Lampson reiterated previous statements made by Sir Austen Chamberlain to the effect that the British Government would require as a condition of any negotiations that the Soviet Government should respect their engagements to abstain from anti-British propaganda and should recognise their financial obligations like other civilized countries. He said that the Soviet Government had shown no inclination whatever to abstain from anti-British propaganda. The Government had plenty of evidence of such propaganda in England and the facts of it were being prepared now.

CHINESE BISHOPS IN FRANCE.

RECEIVED BY THE LYONS CATHOLICS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LYONS, December 9th. The new Chinese bishops were solemnly received by the Lyons Catholics. In the morning five bishops assisted at the great pontifical holy office, under the chairmanship of Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons.

BRITISH IMPERIAL AIR ROUTES.

LONDON-SINGAPORE ROUTE.

EARLY INSTITUTION OF SCHEME.

"A VERY BIG DEVELOPMENT" ANTICIPATED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUHR, December 8th. An important pronouncement was made today by Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, on the immediate development of Imperial air routes with a view to ensure such mobility as will enable the British and Overseas Air Forces to meet any attack on any part of the Empire.

Sir Samuel Hoare was presiding at a lecture given by Wing-Commander Pulford, who commanded the flight of the Royal Air Force machines from Cairo to Cape town. As a result of the recent Imperial Conference, said Sir Samuel Hoare we shall see a greater step made in the near future both in developing the Imperial Air Force and in obtaining the necessary co-operation between ourselves and the Dominions, than ever before.

Number of Flights Next Year.

During these discussions, we considered particularly the two great Imperial air routes of the future—from London to Cape town and from London to Australia. We have arranged that next year a number of flights shall be made by our machines from here to North Africa. We shall establish an air route from here to Kenya and the South African Government have undertaken to co-operate with us and to extend that route over the most strategic parts of South Africa. That means that the British Air Force will link up with the South Africa Air Force and that we shall have a complete route from London to Cape town and also from east to west in South Africa.

This may be a small beginning but it will be the beginning of a very big development. When once we have these regular flights between London and Africa, and London and Australia properly established, with aerodromes and other accessories, we shall find not only that we have a great asset for civil and commercial purposes but that we have an asset also for military purposes. We shall then begin to feel that the air forces of the Empire are really mobile and can move across the face of the Empire with ease and concentrate in an incredibly short time on any threatened point.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENCY.

MANAGUA, December 8th. The Guatemalan Government has privately communicated with M. Espinosa, the Foreign Minister of Mexico, whom the Liberal revolutionaries elected as constitutional President in opposition to M. Diaz, offering to mediate on the conflicting claims to the Presidency. The Diaz Government regards the communication as favouring Mexican intervention and as a challenge to the United States prestige and interests in view of its recognition by the United States. The Mexico City Government has recognized the Sacasa Government.

AMERICAN COTTON MARKET.

OUTPUT ESTIMATE REVISED.

NEW YORK, December 8th. The cotton output for 1926 is estimated by the department of Agriculture to be 13,615,000 bales. A report issued on November 22nd estimated over eighteen millions for the first time on record, but this bullish estimate on record, but this bullish estimate is thus already considerably discounted, which is probably the reason why to-day for the first time for several months the Government cotton report has not caused any uneasiness on Exchange. The price advanced from 25 to 30 points following the publication, but quickly reacted under southern hedge-selling and closed at from four to nine points lower.

U.S. PROHIBITION LAW.

WASHINGTON, December 8th. General Andrews, the head of the Prohibition Enforcement Department, will now permit the admission of periodicals containing liquor advertisements except when they are intended for distribution in the United States and not in the country where printed.

He argues that since Congress has exempted newspapers from exclusion it could hardly mean to exclude publications less frequently issued and less valuable as advertising mediums.

Kidnapped Agents.

A message from Puerto in Mexico, says that the two kidnapped prohibition agents have now been permitted to leave unmolested, after having been listed as prisoners. Government officials are puzzled what to do and are studying the legality of the original seizure of the vessel before acting.

OSMAN DIGNA.

PICTURESQUE AFRICAN FIGURE PASSES AWAY.

A HARASSER OF FAMOUS GENERALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 9th.

One of the most rugged and picturesque characters in the history of North Africa has disappeared by the death, at Wady Halfa, after a short illness, of Osman Digna, whose name figured in most of the British battle ballads of half-a-century ago, when his wasp-like attacks against the British forces harassed famous Generals like Gordon and Kitchener.

Digna was originally a slave trader, who joined the Mahdists, whom he inspired with martial ardour, though himself credited with remaining in the background mounted on a swift steed and "praying for success."

He was captured in 1900 and sent to solitary confinement. He was released in 1923 to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, where he proclaimed the British as the Islamic prophets. But regarded as insane, he was kept under observation in his own interests. His age is unknown, but he was probably a centenarian.

BRITISH POLITICS.

LABOUR PARTY'S VOTE OF CENSURE.

REJECTED BY LARGE MAJORITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 8th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moved a vote of censure on the Government for its conduct in the coal strike.

He said that Mr. Baldwin's policy had alienated the country so that not a single Tory constituency was safe. (Ministerial laughter, and Opposition cheers.)

"Go to the Country."

After referring to the offensiveness of Mr. Evan Williams and the incompetence of Mr. Cook—(Ministerial cheers and laughter)—Mr. MacDonald said the Government had allowed the country to lose £500,000,000 in order to give the owners time to gain a great victory over the Miners' Federation which had been broken, but which would re-unite and, combined with Labour, would resume power. (Opposition cheers.) He concluded by declaring that the Government should go to the country and receive its merited doom.

Government not to be intimidated.

Mr. Baldwin, replying, said he refused to be intimidated into going to the country by threats of industrial unrest. (Ministerial cheers.) What worried him was that the loyalty, courage, fortitude and restraint of the miners had been exploited and traded upon by incompetent leadership. The Labour Party should not have allowed false shepherds to lead the sheep into a delectable land of bunkum. The choice which the Opposition would make between industrial unrest or industrial peace would not merely affect the happiness of the country but the happiness and fortunes of the Labour Party itself.

Mr. Lloyd George said that Liberals were unable to vote for the censure in its present form, although he agreed with the criticism of the Government's handling of the negotiations.

Sir Alfred Mond suggested the formation of a League of Industrial Peace with powers similar to those of the League of Nations.

The Soviet's Desire.

Mr. Winston Churchill, replying in a speech which the Conservatives loudly cheered, dwelt on the Russian help for the miners which he attributed chiefly to the Soviet's desire to cause confusion in Britain. After emphasising the ill effects of the coal stoppage industrially, Mr. Churchill concluded by saying that out of evil might come some good. Britain was stronger because she knew that neither a general strike nor a prolonged coal stoppage could breakdown her national organisation. We might also learn from that, a high comprehension of our common interests in the country, without which we could not for long feed the teeming population of Great Britain. (Loud and prolonged Ministerial cheers.)

Vote Rejected.

The House of Commons rejected the Labourites vote of censure by 239 votes to 131. The Liberals abstained from voting.

"PRESIDENT WILSON" THEFT

BARBER VICTIMISED TO EXTENT OF \$250.

The barber's cabin on the *President Wilson*, which was lying alongside the Kowloon Wharf yesterday, was entered by a thief during the afternoon, and property to the value of \$250 was stolen. It included a vest, a gold Elgin watch, a gold chain, a jade appendage, a gold pencil and a gold pen. The thief has not been traced.

At the Kowloon Magistracy.

yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, Man-Pui, a Chinese seaman of the s.s. Bengloe, was charged with smuggling into the Colony three revolvers and 300 rounds of ammunition. Defendant was represented by Mr. Vaux and the case was adjourned to this afternoon. Defendant was arrested in a house in Pottinger Street.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

FURTHER QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

BRITISH RESIDENTS IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 8th.

There was a further batch of Chinese questions in the House of Commons to-day. Replying to Mr. Foot Mitchell, Mr. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Customs revenue was the only source on which British capital loaned to China—which was estimated at £25,000,000—was secured. The British Government hoped to see the maintenance intact of the Maritime Customs Administration, whose excellent service he believed the Chinese nation as a whole fully appreciated.

Tientsin Arrests.

Replying to Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Lampson stated that the Government was investigating the protest from the Canton Government against the arrest of certain Kuomintang members in the British Concession at Tientsin and their handing over to the Fengtien military authorities. In reply to Mr. Admiral Smeeth, Mr. Bridgeman said it was considered that the air resources at the disposal of the Navy in China were adequate.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

British Loans to China.

RUHR, December 8th. Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the amount of British capital loaned to China, Mr. Lampson said the outstanding amount of Government loans secured on the revenue of the Imperial Maritime Customs and floated on the London market was £14,500,000. The total British holdings of all such loans it was impossible to determine, but they might be estimated at £20,000,000. Under present conditions there were no other sources from which payment could be made except the Customs revenue.

British Residents in China.

RUHR, December 8th. Asked in the House of Commons what was the number of British nationals residing in China, exclusive of Hong Kong, Mr. Locker Lampson stated that in 1925 it was 15,347.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Imperialist Russia.

WASHINGTON, December 8th. It is suggested in certain quarters that Britain purposely exaggerated the Bolshevik menace in China. On the other hand a very responsible section of the press is fully alive to the implications of the policy of Soviet Russia in the Far East and regret that the Great Powers, owing to jealousies and dissensions inter se have been out-generalled in China by agents of Moscow. The New York Times in an editorial emphasises that while the Russians are encouraging China to throw off the yoke of the foreign imperialists, Russia, to all foreign nations in China, has interfered most in the internal affairs of China during the past few years.

"THE CAUSE AND CURE OF THE WAR."

WASHINGTON, December 9th. Addressing a conference on "The Cause and Cure of the War," the Chinese Minister urged that the United States act independently, terminating unequal Extraterritoriality Treaties in China. He added that if the Powers did not terminate those treaties China would, for they imposed too great a burden for the successful operation of the Government.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN BERNARD MOORE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Bernard Moore of the staff of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., who died at the Peak Hospital yesterday morning at the age of 33 years. Deceased was a native of Hull, and for nine years served on various vessels of the Cunard, Glen, and other lines. He came out East in the employ of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., to inaugurate a school in Hong Kong for training Chinese wireless operators. After being engaged for 21 months in this work he was appointed Wireless Superintendent in charge of installation on board the China Navigation Company fleet and to supervise the personnel of the department ashore and aloft.

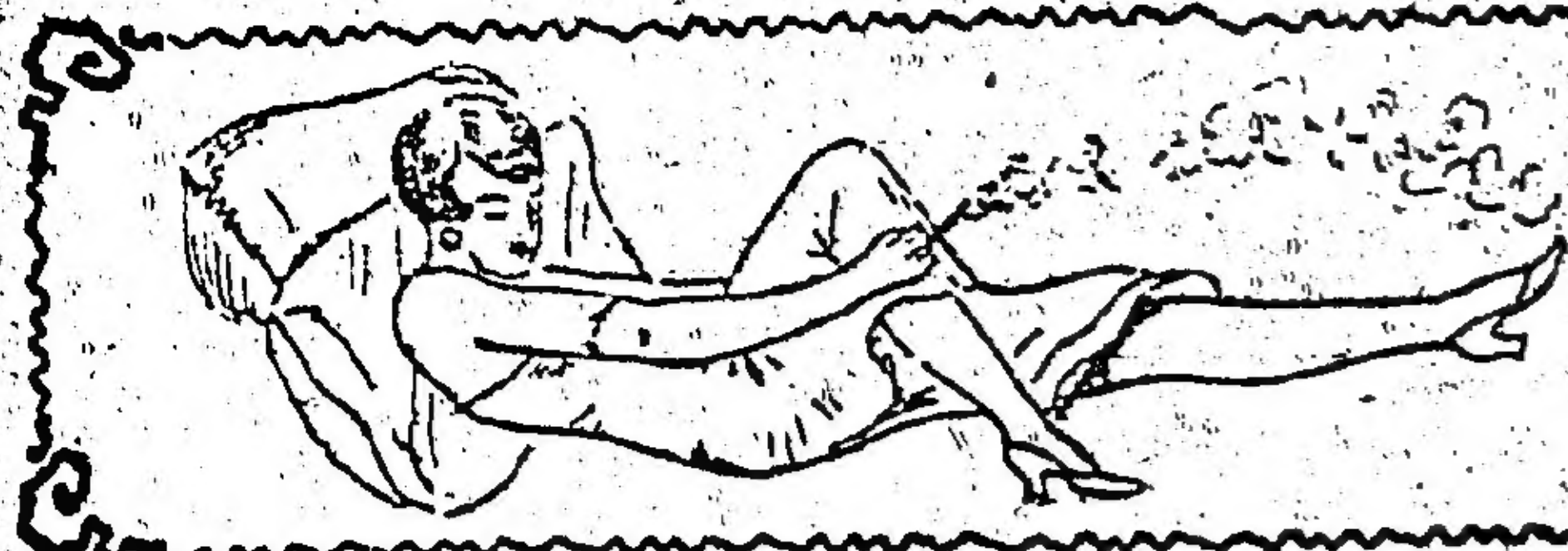
He was admitted to the Peak Hospital on November 22nd and succumbed following a second operation yesterday. Deceased was greatly respected and liked by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to his only relative, a widowed sister, residing at Hornsea.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MRS. CHARLOTTE LOUISA BRENT.

The death occurred on November 6th at Ealing at the age of 89 of Mrs. Charlotte Louisa Brent, widow of Arthur Brent, formerly of Japan, who himself passed away at a ripe age a year or two ago. Like her husband, she was one of the oldest foreign residents of Yokohama, where she spent a considerable portion of her life.

At the time of the Boxer outbreak in China in 1900 she was on a visit to her son at Peking where he was on the staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. She was caught there and went through the siege of Peking, and the dangers and discomforts of that memorable period. On Peking being relieved by the Allied forces Mrs. Brent proceeded to Japan, where she lectured on the experiences through which she had passed. Few of her generation of foreign residents in Japan are now left, and a succeeding generation only knows her by name, but in her day she was well known and a popular hostess.



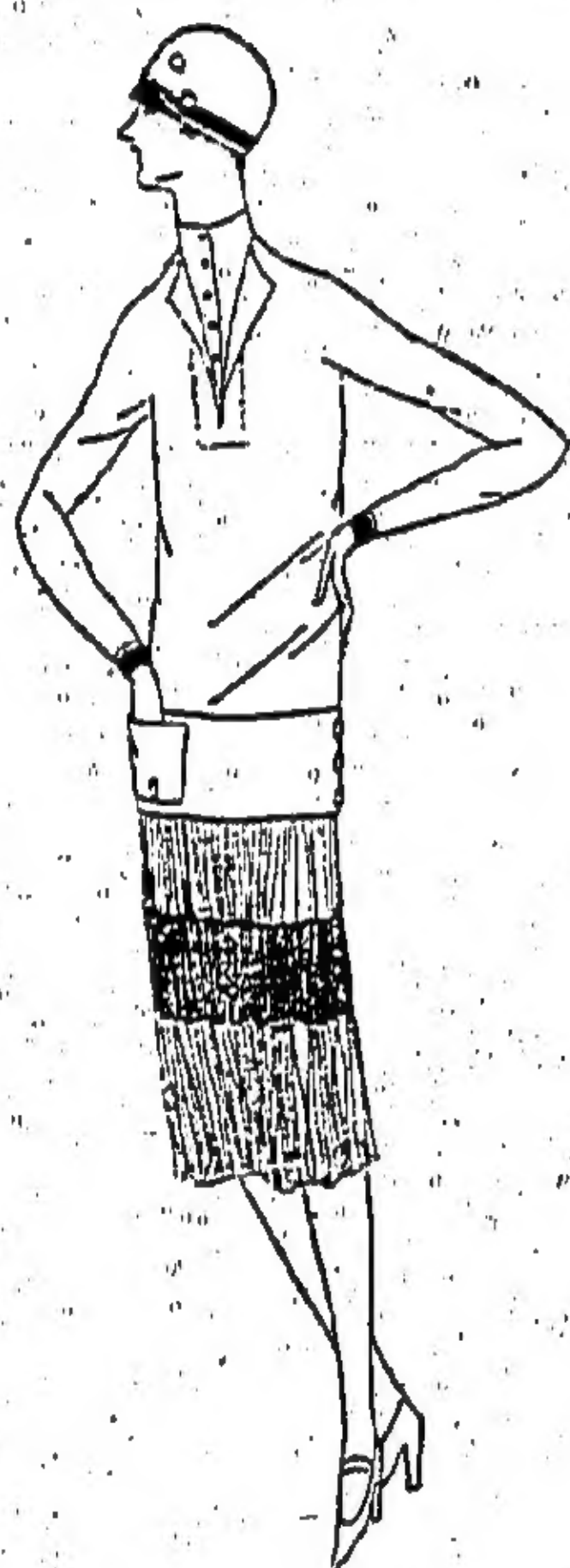
The WOMAN'S PAGE

FASHION.

I have been busily packing, and unpacking, a complete wardrobe of new clothes from Paris and London. One tries everything once. Fortunately, these same lovely clothes were designed and made to the measurement of a figure quite different to my own and I was saved all the laceration of my feelings which would otherwise have been inevitable. To have so many new and lovely garments at one time was in some way akin to possessing a hundred horse power car, which no hill could appal; luxurious and all that, of course, but after the first sensation of unlimited power had become familiar, there was the feeling that the whole thing was too automatic, and lost much interest thereby.

One wardrobe trunk was given over to sports clothes. Two sets of plain grey in kasha, lamah wool, and stockinette, the jumpers in severely tailored crepe de chine, sometimes with collar and cuffs of checked material, or chemise finished with a large scarf to be crossed and thrown over each shoulder. Stockings were grey, or grey and white misty checks in a heavy silk, and shoes for such an outfit were built plumply and squarely of reptile or white antelope. This latter skin is as soft as any glove and only needs washing with soft soap and warm water to retrieve its creamy surface from the muddy stains of any golf course in wet weather.

Two suits of soft beige, trimmed with brown cloth in one case, and suede in the other, had all the foregoing accompaniments to themselves in suitable tones, and a topcoat "as light as a feather," so carefully included all the tones of grey.



Trims out of ten of the smart frocks are sweater-blouses, with long, tight sleeves worn with plaid skirts. White shawl, long, green stripe.

beige, and rose that flesh is heir to, that all five of these comfortable sports suits regarded this one garment as the head of their clan.

Light felt or velvet hats, cunningly folded fulfilled all their duties of warmth and shade.

Morning dresses were of heavy crepe de chine and much tucked and outlined with buttons and real buttonholes, these having no significance but ornamentation. A model in rose had large patch pockets below the vest of fine tucks, and the belt of double crepe ran through a chain of hand worked buttonhole loops, which also formed a finish to the collar and the long sleeves. Workmanship, and manipulation of comfortable, and generally uncrushable materials seem to be the key-note to the autumn mode, and when Paris gives rein to her skill in workmanship and design, all the world must take a back seat. Besides "Crepellecia," the new stockinette with the chenil finish which is unremovable, there is a material of silk cord, something similar to macramé only very much coarser in substance. It keeps shape admirably and will stand any amount of rough wear without showing any resentment. The model was a two-piece, the coat being of three-quarter length and trimmed with double marabou round the collar.

Hats were one and all brimless and looked hideous enough when not in use, but once folded on the trim Eton-cropped head of their rightful owner they became a delight to the eye. It seems difficult to domesticate in their department. Hats have developed characters of their own. A mere wisp of felt thrust with a more or less jewelled pin; a wrapping of crepe silk tucked with mother-of-pearl, these and so many others seemed careless enough until one tried to produce just that same "chic" by home methods.

THE GARDEN.

About this time of year there is a good deal of apprehension regarding the growth of cyclamen from seed. It is difficult to understand why these fascinating flowers are so rarely seen in the Colony for though they need care, and a certain amount of professional knowledge, they are so well worth attention. The three favourite shades are white, pale pink, and dark rose. In England it is not unusual to see sixty heads flowering on a single plant in a six-inch pot; the whole surface of the latter completely hidden by the dark, faintly veined, velvet leaves. If the flowers are carefully removed at the first sign of fading, buds will replace them in profusion, and the same bulb will remain a source of joy for two months if kept in an even temperature.

Such generous results cannot be promised in Hong Kong, but we are used to making the best of a bad job when it comes to flowers indigenous to other climes. The cyclamen is a native of Greece, where it carpets the wooded slopes in a smaller but more generous growth. England having become a devotee of the rock garden proper, many examples of the actual wild variety have been imported with splendid results, and

BEAUTY CULTURE.

Madame Flint's Beauty Parlour at The Café Parisien is a quiet and soothing corner where wondrous things and good advice. It is a very easy matter to waste away two hours in the comfortable chair provided. An untidy shingle is a sorrow to mankind and inexcusable when skill and consideration await you every fortnight. Hair seems to become ragged very quickly in this atmosphere, the little fringe at the back which lies beneath the "beret" is a tell-tale that one more cut is crying aloud and you cannot afford to let it wait unheeded. Nor will an Eton-crop help you very much; indeed I think these meticulous heads shew neglect more quickly than the now almost passé shingles, for here are no convenient ends to be curled away out of sight, or into line with the rest of the silhouette.

Professional attention to the nails is also necessary occasionally however carefully one treats them. Madame Landau has many preparations of her own design for removing stains from nails and from skin, and for "making one's skin fit one." This dry air draws and contracts one's face until it cracks, and although a daily application of cream, well massaged into the surface, certainly reduces this condition, every skin needs



Two evening dresses of simple and effective design.

many a sheltered corner is the happier for the brightening group of these butterfly heads. That being to these is little reason why seedlings having reached the tiny bulb stage should not be bedded out in the warm corners of any Hong Kong garden. The seed should be sown in leaf mould about now, and given a light dressing of sand on top. They should be very sparsely down about a quarter of an inch deep, and half an inch space between each seed to allow of ample development. It is advantageous to soak the seed for twenty-four hours before planting and great attention must be paid to keeping the soil moist during the three to four weeks necessary to germination. Before any leaves are visible the seed grows in a minute bulb, which once formed, rapidly swells and throws up a few dark green leaves. At this stage they should be put in good light, shaded from the sun and wind, the ideal temperature being about sixty degrees. They will stand repotting twice, the final transfer into a well-manured rich earth mixture with a single plant to a pot, or if in the open leaving a foot between each bulb. When transplanting at the last stage before flowering, the bulb must be fixed firmly into the earth, leaving half the bulb exposed above the top dressing. In spite of this it is absolutely essential that the bulb is secure and firm in its bed.

One thing more; the greatest care must be taken in watering, no moisture must come directly in contact with the bulb, or the buds; in fact the only safe method is to stand the pot in water and allow the moisture to percolate the clay, and the draining holes at the bottom. If grown in the open the water can be applied around the edge of the plot or from a higher level.

its own food and only the professional can judge the correct proportion of fats or stringent necessary.

A general spring-clean of the complexion is advisable now that summer heat has gone. There are sure to be freckles, if nothing worse, and butter-milk is a great help in times of trouble, and annoyance at these tiny golden flecks. Sometimes they respond quickly to treatment of some lactic acid lotion, but the more quickly they are eradicated the better. Hydrogen of peroxide should be diluted and used sparingly on the face but it can be applied nightly in full strength to that annoying square of dark red sunburn which grows and deepens just on the exposed portion of the chest. At night it looks particularly unsightly when light frocks are worn.

LOCAL SHOPPING.

Madame Rolande Sarraute has now opened her promised shop at 22, Queen's Road Central, and has a large assortment of clothes of every kind. Her sports suits are mostly of wool stockinette. Whether the material be plain, or figured as it frequently is, the skirts are shorter than ever and so built that while giving freedom to the legs they hang in severely straight lines and keep in their places under much provocation from wind and weather. Madame Sarraute has an unusually large collection of little felt hats in every shade of beige, grey, and brown, and the sizes vary to fit all heads whether shingled or not.

Amongst frocks suitable for afternoon wear she has two half-length Bridge coats which I thought particularly attractive. (Continued on next Column).

FOOD.

It is often fun to keep an eye on food fashions and watch them spread from ridicule through tolerance to fame. About a year ago Ceylon received to its ample breast a diet of raw vegetables unspiced by additions which come under the headings of fur, feather, scales, or hide. Just chopped, mixed, plain, or whole raw carrots, onions, cabbages, celery, spinach, lettuce, beans, peas and sprouts. With these unusual delicacies were served walnuts, almonds, raisins, lemon-juice and, as a rare treat, hard boiled eggs and grated cheese, honey and as much raw fruit as desired.

Every day was a salad day. They eat salads to grow slender, to grow cheerful, to attain that schoolgirl complexion, and as a cure for insomnia. Such are the claims and who am I to dispute them, but when in a neighbouring colony (further East than Hong Kong) I was confronted with raw carrot sandwiches. I had a struggle to overcome my reluctance. Peeping inside, surprisingly I found the young carrots chopped very finely and mixed with sliced raisins. There was a hint of chutney juice, and a little pepper and salt, and the result was excellent. These food revolutionaries are always so aggressive in preaching their gospels of vitamins, and invariably take away from our diet with one hand, while they give something new with the other; however, in spite of our prejudices, and the undisputed fact that what was good enough for our fathers is good enough for us, there is really no reason why we should not add some of these raw food recipes to our menus.

Cranberries are in the colony and they make a good sauce for roast pork, as a change from the familiar apple variety. Make as for turkey, of course. Game has returned in most shapes and sizes and a welcome addition to the Dairy Farm Store is a consignment of Canadian ducks. (30 cents per lb. live-weight).

Hen pheasants in best condition carry a slightly higher percentage of fat than their cock birds and are often preferred by the epicures. In any case there is nothing but the cook's reluctance to prevent many delicious extras being served with either bird. A winglass of claret poured in the piping hot gravy, but not boiled in it, improves the flavour. The average family uses the breast and wings for the first meal, one of the happiest ways of finishing the bird is by cutting the legs into four, and serving them grilled for breakfast. They should be placed on squares of fried toast and covered with grilled bacon. If insufficient for the family, chicken livers make an excellent addition. Wild duck weighing about two lbs can be bought in the market; new and have superior flavour to the smaller birds, or to teal. The Chinese cook is much given to overcooking wild duck. Wrap the breast in bacon and allow twenty-five minutes in a "quick" oven. A slice of bread placed under the bird is a delicious accessory when it is crisp and full of the natural gravy which is otherwise lost in the pan.

tive. Made of fine cream wool cloth they were embroidered all over in a "Control-vula" pattern worked by chain stitch in blue and wallflower shades of russet and creamy yellow. As a change from the Haori coat these are indeed charming, and so useful to slip on under a coat when going out at night. There were many skilfully designed afternoon and evening dresses, some of the latter trimmed with fringe which seems to be first favourite everywhere. Madame Sarraute intends to sell evening slippers and shoes for afternoon wear, and this is a particularly happy thought. Shoes for kiddies and grown-ups too have always been rather a difficulty in Hong Kong.

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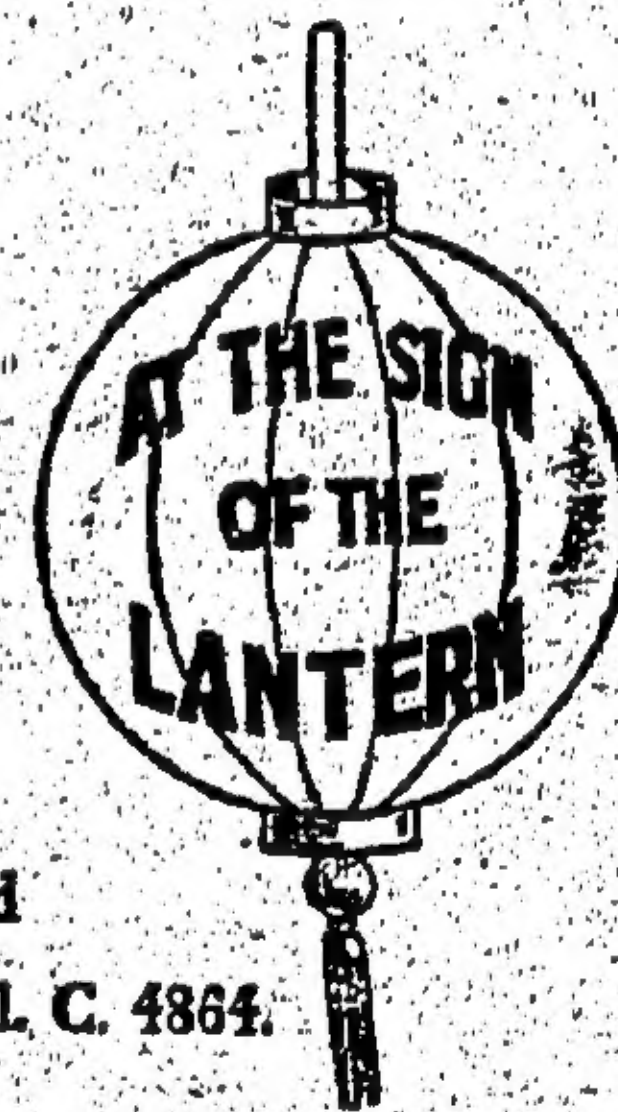
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HEAVY SNOW STORMS IN NORTHERN JAPAN.**COMMUNICATIONS HAMPERED.****FISHING BOATS MISSING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, December 9th.—Heavy snowstorms are raging throughout Northern Japan, seriously hampering communications. Fishing boats are suffering severely and rescue vessels have been despatched to search for sixty which are missing off Oshika, near Sendai.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.**DILATORY PAYERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS.****CHINA, PERU, BOLIVIA.**

LONDON, December 9th.—In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Woodcock, Mr. Locker Lampson said that so far as he knew no definite scheme of payment had been submitted to China, Peru and Bolivia as to their arrears of contributions to the League. Part of the Chinese contribution in respect of 1922 had been paid, but nothing had been received in respect of 1923-5 and payment on account of the 1926 contribution had not been received. The last payment of Peru was in 1920 and of Bolivia in 1923. The League Council was considering steps to recover the money and the question of their continuance of membership.

M. BENES' REPORT ADOPTED.

Geneva, December 9th.—The Council adopted the report submitted by M. Benes, the rapporteur, dealing with the arbitration, security and reduction of armaments, according to a resolution recommending member States to conclude agreements tending to establish confidence and security whenever circumstances were favourable. The Council requested the Preparatory Committee to fix a date and draft an agenda for the Disarmament Conference.

SINGAPORE BASE.**HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION.**

LONDON, December 8th.—In the House of Commons, replying to Major Hore-Belisha, Mr. W. C. Davidson said that £188,000 out of the £250,000 subscribed by Hong Kong to the cost of the Singapore base had hitherto been spent.

There were 688 men working on the Singapore Base in October.

P. & O. CO.**POSSIBLE INCREASE IN PASSAGE RATES.****PASSENGER TRAFFIC EXPANDING.**

LONDON, December 8th.—Lord Inchcape, presiding at the annual meeting of the P. & O. Co., said the Board was considering the question of treating the Insurance Fund as a Reserve as they could insure outstanding risks for a much lesser sum than the amount standing to its credit. Unless running costs, which were 75 per cent. higher than before the war, diminished an increase in passage rates might be necessary. The condition of China had caused a serious loss in traffic but passenger traffic continued to expand remarkably. The coal strike had cost the Company over £200,000. He believed that even if Empire airways became a commercial proposition, the Peninsular and Oriental would hold its own.

BRITAIN'S COAL OUTPUT.**BELOW PRE-STRIKE FIGURES.**

LONDON, December 8th.—The first official returns since the general resumption of work in the coalfields show that the output of coal for the week ended November 27th, was 2,324,000 tons by 455,000 men as compared with 5,097,000 tons before the stoppage for the week ended May 1st.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.**THE DATE FIXED.**

Geneva, December 8th.—The League Council has decided to hold an Economic Conference at Geneva on May 4th next.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON'S CROSS-RIVER TRAFFIC.**FOUR NEW BRIDGES AND IMPROVEMENTS.****ROYAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

RUGBY, December 8th.—The report on the London cross river traffic, presented by the Royal Commission, recommends improvements including the construction of four more Thames bridges costing altogether £27,000,000. Much public satisfaction is expressed that the Commission propose the preservation of Waterloo Bridge which is the most beautiful one spanning the Thames. They suggest the rebuilding of the Thames and widening the structure in such a way as to preserve the original design. The most important proposal is for a new double-deck bridge at Charing Cross to carry road and rail traffic and a continuation of this bridge across the Strand. A new bridge with a high-level roadway from Southwark across the river at Blackfriars and over Fleet Street to Holborn is also recommended and other proposed new bridges would be further up river at Fulham and Chiswick. The extensive programme includes reconstructing some existing bridges and tunnels and their approaches.

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT.**INSURANCE CONFERENCE HELD IN LONDON.****DISCUSSING THE SOUNDNESS OF FIRMS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 9th.—Delegates of eighteen countries attended the International Credit Insurance Conference in London with a view to forming personal contact with insurance experts of different countries for the purpose of reaching a uniform system of co-operation concerning advice with regard to the soundness of firms and also to discuss the forms of insurance which may safely be undertaken. A resolution was adopted mutually undertaking to offer every facility for obtaining information of defaulting debtors resident in their respective countries.

BIG SHIPPING DEAL.**ROYAL MAIL'S OFFER FOR THE LEYLAND AND RED STAR LINES.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 8th.—The transfer of 433 vessels, aggregating 30,000 tons are involved in the offer of the Royal Mail Steamship Company for the purchase of the Leyland and Red Star Lines from the International Mercantile Marine, whose directors are considering the offer favourably.

REGRETTABLE INCIDENT.**DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE INVOLVED IN BRAWL.**

Mexico City, December 8th.—The representative of a foreign Power was involved in a street brawl as a result of his failure to observe the signals of a policeman directing the traffic. Senior Pedro Gual, the Spanish Charge d'Affaires, who was the motorist concerned, was pursued by the policeman whom he is alleged to have struck on the face, whereupon the bystanders, sympathising with the officer, began to thrash Gual, who was recognised and extricated from the melee in the nick of time by M. Saez, the Mexican Foreign Minister, who happened to pass.

WORLD'S LARGEST BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

New York, December 8th.—The National City Bank will become the largest banking institution in the world as a result of the Directors' decision to recommend an increase of the bank's capital by \$25,000,000 to \$140,000,000. The Midway Bank of England comes next with a capital of \$130,000,000.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY.**U. S. PRESS COMMENT.**

New York, December 8th.—The newspaper comments on the President's address to Congress are strongly tinged according to their political pre-disposition. Perhaps the best criticism comes from the *Journal of Commerce* which draws attention to the fact that the World Court was not even mentioned, but that President Coolidge expresses his willingness to follow the lines laid out at the Washington Conference in 1921. "Our general foreign policy is well-known to be according to our President and its nature is described in such vague terms that it remains well-known for its obscurity also."

AMERICA'S BUDGET.**QUESTION OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.**

WASHINGTON, December 8th.—The U. S. Government's budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1st next provides for appropriations amounting to \$4,014,000,000, an increase of \$18,000,000 as compared with the current year, chiefly owing to increase in pensions for veterans of the Civil War and Spanish War and increased appropriations for the Veterans' Bureau and the Postal Service. On the contrary there is the prospect of a reduction of \$30,000,000 in interest on the public debt. Prohibition enforcement will cost \$30,000,000 and navy appropriations \$9,000,000 less than the present year.

President Coolidge has asked Congress to postpone the construction of the remaining three out of the eight light cruisers which were to have been started before July in view of the fact that the United States is negotiating for a widening of the Washington naval armaments treaties. The President has also omitted provision for the construction of two rigid airships which Congress authorised to be built at a cost of \$2,000,000 prior to July next and asked for time to be given to experiment with an all-metal airship now building at a cost of \$300,000. Twenty millions are appropriated for aeroplanes, \$313,000,000 and \$396,000,000 for the War Department. President Coolidge emphasises that the present peacefulness does not warrant the neglect of defence. President Coolidge has emphatically declared that he is against any permanent reduction in tax rates at present.

MADAME KOLLONTAY.**WHAT SHE THINKS OF AMERICANS.**

VERA, Cruz, December 8th.—Madame Kollontay has arrived here. Referring to the refusal of the American authorities to permit her to traverse the United States she has declared that Americans do not know the difference between a diplomatic and propaganda post.

QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT.**STATEMENT BY SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 8th.—When general international disarmament was discussed by the League Council last night, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised the great interest taken by Britain in the work of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament and the British desire of which proof had already been given to lighten the burden of armaments. He appealed to the public not to display impatience at the delay in a World Conference. The most important point was that when the conference did meet it should be successful and careful preparatory work was therefore essential.

BONDS OF EMPIRE.**EARL BALFOUR'S SAGE VIEWS.****THE EMPIRE MORE UNITED THAN BEFORE.**

RUGBY, December 8th.—The matter of the decisions of the Imperial Conference regarding international relations was raised by Lord Balfour (Labour), in the House of Lords. Lord Balfour, replying, said his own personal view was that the relations of the Dominions and this country must necessarily be those of equality. Free States could not be conceived as one above another. One might have more responsibility than another and one might be in more danger than another, but all were on an equality. That was the very essence of the British Empire. The broad principles stood that no control was exercised by a single one of the governing parts of the Empire over any other part. From this equality, some foreigners were disposed to think that we were bound to separate in a short time. His own view was precisely the contrary. He held strongly that the British Empire was now a more united organism than ever before. That organism was held together far more effectively by broad loyalties and common feelings of interest and devotion and ideals of peace and freedom. Those were the bonds of the Empire and if they were not enough then nothing else would be enough. There could not, of course, be equality of functions within the Empire. That must depend on the circumstances of the moment and, for many years to come the main burden of defence must fall upon this country. For perhaps an indefinite period to come the leading part in the conduct of foreign affairs must also fall upon this country. The course followed by the representatives of the Dominions at the Imperial Conference was the course of statesmanship.

DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY.**GENEVA DISCUSSIONS IN PROGRESS.**

RUGBY, December 8th.—The interview between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Herr Schubert, representing Dr. Stresemann, who is unwell, was the only conversation on German disarmament held by statesmen at Geneva yesterday. Progress is reported in the discussions between British, French and German jurists on the reservations which Germany had made regarding the League investigation scheme. Meanwhile, statesmen are awaiting the latest information on outstanding points in the disarmament issue which they have requested from Paris and Berlin and are being discussed at today's meeting in Paris of the Ambassadors Conference.

TANGANYIKA GOVERNMENT.**NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

RUGBY, December 8th.—The first meeting of the Legislative Council of Tanganyika, which was established by an Order in Council on March 19th last, was held yesterday. H. E. the Governor, Sir Donald Cameron, read a message from H. M. the King conveying an assurance of his deep interest in all the concerns of the welfare of the people of every race in the Tanganyika Territory, and also his confident hope that, with the assistance of the new Council, their happiness and prosperity will continue to increase. The Council consists of the Governor, as President, thirteen official members and not more than ten unofficial members, who shall be such persons not holding office in the Territory as the Governor may from time to time appoint. In addition, whenever upon any special occasion the Governor wishes to obtain the views of any person within the Territory touching any matter to be brought before the Council, he may appoint such person for such occasion as an extraordinary member of the Council.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET.**EVIDENCE OF ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA.**

RUGBY, December 8th.—Members of the House of Commons again raised the question of British relations with Russia. Mr. Locker Lampson reiterated previous statements made by Sir Austen Chamberlain to the effect that the British Government would require as a condition of any negotiations that the Soviet Government should respect their engagements to abstain from anti-British propaganda and should recognise their financial obligations like other civilised countries. He said that the Soviet Government had shown no inclination whatever to abstain from anti-British propaganda. The Government had plenty of evidence of such propaganda in England and the facts of it were being prepared now.

CHINESE BISHOPS IN FRANCE.**RECEIVED BY THE LYONS CATHOLICS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LYONS, December 9th.—The new Chinese bishops were solemnly received by the Lyons Catholics. In the morning five bishops assisted at the great pontifical holy office, under the chairmanship of Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons.

BRITISH IMPERIAL AIR ROUTES.**LONDON-SINGAPORE ROUTE.****EARLY INSTITUTION OF SCHEME.****"A VERY BIG DEVELOPMENT" ANTICIPATED.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 8th.—An important pronouncement was made today by Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, on the immediate development of Imperial air routes with a view to ensure such mobility as will enable the British and Overseas Air Force to meet any attack on any part of the Empire.

Sir Samuel Hoare was presiding at a lecture given by Wing-Commander Pufford, who commanded the flight of the Royal Air Force machines from Cairo to Cape town. As a result of the recent Imperial Conference, said Sir Samuel Hoare, we shall see a greater step made in the near future both in developing the necessary co-operation between ourselves and the Dominions, than ever before.

Number of Flights Next Year.

During these discussions, we considered particularly the two great Imperial air routes of the future—from London to Cape town and from London to Australia. We have arranged that next year a number of flights shall be made by our machines from here to North Africa. We shall establish an air route from here to Kenya and the South African Government have undertaken to co-operate with us and to extend that route over the most strategic parts of South Africa. That means that the British Air Force will link up with the South Africa Air Force and that we shall have a complete route from London to Cape town and also from east to west in South Africa.

This may be a small beginning but it will be the beginning of a very big development. When once we have these regular flights between London and Africa, and London and Australia properly established, with aerodromes and other accessories, we shall find not only that we have a great asset for civil and commercial purposes but that we have an asset also for military purposes. We shall then begin to feel that the air forces of the Empire are really mobile and can move across the face of the Empire with ease and concentrate in an incredibly short time on any threatened point.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENCY.

MANAGUA, December 8th.—The Guatemalan Government has privately communicated with M. Espinosa, the Foreign Minister of Mexico, whom the Liberal revolutionaries elected as constitutional President in opposition to M. Diaz, offering to mediate on the conflicting claims to the Presidency. The Diaz Government regards the communication as favouring Mexican intervention and as a challenge to the United States' prestige and interests in view of its recognition by the United States. The Mexico City Government has recognized the Sacasa Government.

AMERICAN COTTON MARKET.**OUTPUT ESTIMATE REVISED.**

NEW YORK, December 8th.—The cotton output for 1926 is estimated by the department of Agriculture to be 18,618,000 bales. A report issued on November 22nd estimated over eighteen millions for the first time on record, but this bearish estimate is probably considerably discounted which is probably the reason why to-day for the first time for several months the Government cotton report has not caused any uneasiness on Exchange. The price advanced from 25 to 30 points following the publication, but quickly receded under southern hedging and closed at from four to nine points lower.

U.S. PROHIBITION LAW.**WASHINGTON, December 8th.**

General Andrews, the head of the Prohibition Enforcement Department, will now permit the admission of periodicals containing liquor advertisements except when they are intended for distribution in the United States and not in the country where printed. He argues that since Congress has exempted newspapers from exclusion it could hardly mean to exclude publications less frequently issued and less valuable as advertising mediums.

Kidnapped Agents.

A message from Puerto in Mexico, says that the two kidnapped prohibition agents have now been permitted to leave unmolested, after having been listed as prisoners. Government officials are puzzled what to do and are studying the legality of the original seizure of the vessel before acting.

OSMAN DIGNA.**PICTURESQUE AFRICAN FIGURE PASSES AWAY.****A HARASSER OF FAMOUS GENERALS.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 9th.

One of the most rugged and picturesque characters in the history of North Africa has disappeared by the death, at Wady Halfa, after a short illness, of Osman Digna, whose name figured in most of the British battle-balls of half-a-century ago, when his wasp-like attacks against the British forces harassed famous Generals like Gordon and Kitchener.

Digna was originally a slave trader, who joined the Mahdists, whom he inspired with martial ardour, though himself credited with remaining in the background mounted on a swift steed and "praying for success." He was captured in 1900 and sent to solitary confinement. He was released in 1923 to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, where he proclaimed the British as Islamic prophets. But, regarded as insane, he was kept under observation in his own interests. His age is unknown, but he was probably a centenarian.

BRITISH POLITICS.**LABOUR PARTY'S VOTE OF CENSURE.****REJECTED BY LARGE MAJORITY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 8th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ramsay MacDonald moved a vote of censure on the Government for its conduct in the coal strike.

He said that Mr. Baldwin's policy had alienated the country so that not a single Tory constituency was safe. (Ministerial laughter, and Opposition cheers.) "Go to the Country."

After referring to the offensiveness of Mr. Evan Williams and the incompetence of Mr. Cook—(Ministerial cheers and laughter)—Mr. MacDonald said the Government had allowed the country to lose £500,000,000 in order to give the owners time to gain a great victory over the Miners' Federation which had been broken, but which would re-unite and, combined with Labour would resume power. (Opposition cheers.) He concluded by declaring that the Government should go to the country and receive its merited doom.

Government not to be Intimidated.

Mr. Baldwin, replying, said he refused to be intimidated into going to the country by threats of industrial unrest. (Ministerial cheers.) What worried him was that the loyalty, courage, fortitude and restraint of the miners had been exploited and traded upon by incompetent leadership. The Labour Party should not have allowed false shepherds to lead the sheep into a delectable land of bunkum. The choice which the Opposition would make between industrial unrest or industrial peace would not merely affect the happiness of the country but the happiness and fortunes of the Labour Party itself.

Mr. Lloyd George said that Liberals were unable to vote for the censure in its present form, although he agreed with the criticism of the Government's handling of the negotiations.

Sir Alfred Mond suggested the formation of a League of Industrial Peace with powers similar to those of the League of Nations.

The Soviet's Desire.

Mr. Winston Churchill, replying in a speech which the Conservatives loudly cheered, dwelt on the Russian help for the miners which he attributed chiefly to the Soviet's desire to cause confusion in Britain. After emphasising the ill effects of the coal stoppage industrially, Mr. Churchill concluded by saying that out of evil might come some good. Britain was stronger because she knew that neither a general strike nor a prolonged coal stoppage could breakdown her national organisation. We might also learn from that a high comprehension of our common interests in the country, without which we could not for long feed the teeming population of Great Britain. (Loud and prolonged Ministerial cheers.)

Vote Rejected.

The House of Commons rejected the Labourites vote of censure by 330 votes to 131. The Liberals abstained from voting.

"PRESIDENT WILSON" THEFT.**BARBER VICTIMISED TO EXTENT OF \$250.**

The barber's cabin on the *President Wilson*, which was lying alongside the Kowloon Wharf yesterday, was entered by a thief during the afternoon, and property to the value of \$250 was stolen. It included a vest, a gold Elgin watch, a gold chain, a jade appendage, a gold pencil and a gold pen. The thief has not been traced.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. E. B. Nicholl, Man Pui, Chinese seaman of the *ss. Bengio*, was charged with smuggling into the Colony three revolvers and 300 rounds of ammunition. Defendant was represented by Mr. Vaux and the case was adjourned to this afternoon. Defendant was arrested in a house in Pottinger Street.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.**FURTHER QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.****BRITISH RESIDENTS IN CHINA.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 8th.

There was a further batch of Chinese questions in the House of Commons to-day. Replying to Mr. Foot Mitchell, Mr. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the Customs revenue was the only source on which British capital loaned to China—which was estimated at \$29,000,000—was secured. The British Government hoped to see the maintenance intact of the Maritime Customs Administration, whose excellent service he believed the Chinese nation as a whole fully appreciated.

Tientsin Arrests.

Replying to Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Lampson stated that the Government was investigating the protest from the Canton Government against the arrest of certain Kuomintang members in the British Consession at Tientsin and the handing over to the Fengtien military authorities. In reply to Rear Admiral Suter, Mr. Bridgeman said it was considered that the air resources at the disposal of the Navy in China were adequate.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

British Loans to China.

RUGBY, December 8th.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the amount of British capital loaned to China, Mr. Lampson said the outstanding amount of Government loans secured on the revenue of the Imperial Maritime Customs and floated on the London market was £14,500,000. The total British holdings in all such loans it was impossible to determine, but they might be estimated at £20,000,000. Under present conditions, there were no other sources from which payment could be made except the Customs revenue.

British Residents in China.

RUGBY, December 8th.—Asked in the House of Commons what was the number of British nationals residing in China, exclusive of Hong Kong, Mr. Locker Lampson stated that in 1925 it was 15,247.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Imperialist Russia.

WASHINGTON, December 8th.—It is suggested in certain quarters that Britain purposely exaggerated the Bolshevik menace in China. On the other hand a very responsible section of the press is fully alive to the implications of the policy of Soviet Russia in the Far East and regret that the Great Powers, owing to jealousies and dissensions, have been unable to generalise in China by agents of Moscow.

The *New York Times*, in an editorial emphasises that while the Russians are encouraging China to throw off the yoke of the foreign imperialists, Russia, to all foreign nations in China, has interfered most in the internal affairs of China during the past few years.

"THE CAUSE AND CURE OF THE WAR."

WASHINGTON, December 9th.—Addressing a conference on "The Cause and Cure of the War," the Chinese Minister urged that the United States act independently, terminating unequal Extraterritoriality Treaties in China. He added that if the Powers did not terminate those treaties China would, for they imposed too great a burden for the successful operation of the Government.

OBITUARY.**MR. JOHN BERNARD MOORE.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Bernard Moore of the staff of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., who died at the Peak Hospital yesterday morning at the age of 33 years.

Deceased was a native of Hull, and for nine years served on various vessels of the Cunard, Glen, and other lines. He came out East in the employ of the China Navigation Co., Ltd., to inaugurate a school in Hong Kong for training Chinese wireless operators. After being engaged for 21 months in this work he was appointed Wireless Superintendent in charge of installation on board the China Navigation Company fleet and to supervise the personnel of the department ashore and afloat.

He was admitted to the Peak Hospital on November 22nd and succumbed following a second operation yesterday. Deceased was greatly respected and liked by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to his only relative, a widowed sister, residing at Hornsea.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

MRS. CHARLOTTE LOUISA BRENT.

The death occurred on November 8th at Ealing at the age of 83 of Mrs. Charlotte Louisa Brent, widow of Arthur Brent, formerly of Japan, who himself passed away at a ripe age a year or two ago. Like her husband, she was one of the oldest foreign residents of Yokohama, where she spent a considerable portion of her life.

At the time of the Boxer outbreak in China in 1900 she was on a visit to her son at Peking, where he was on the staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. She was caught there and went through the siege of Peking, and the dangers and discomforts of that memorable period. On Peking being relieved by the Allied forces Mrs. Brent proceeded to Japan, where she lectured on the experiences through which she had passed. Few of her generation of foreign residents in Japan are now left, and a succeeding generation only knows her by name, but in her day she was well known and a popular hostess.

\$3,000 EXPENDED ON "SUNNING" PIRACY.

FURTHER EVIDENCE BY SHIP'S OFFICERS.

LIFEBOAT SET ON FIRE—AND THEN THE SHIP.

MR. HURST'S ESTIMATE OF THE CASUALTIES.

Yesterday's was the fifth hearing at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. E. E. Lindell, of the case in which twenty Chinese are held on charges arising out of the pirating of the s.s. "Sunning." Two sessions were again held. In the morning the Second Officer, Mr. J. W. Hurst, related his story of the piracy, and in the early part of the afternoon he was cross-examined.

Mr. W. Orr, the Second Engineer of the ship, added some interesting details to those previously related and this witness's story was not concluded when the Court rose at 4.30 until this morning.

Mr. Hurst related how he was tripped up on the bridge by pirates and overpowered, and how later, in consultation with the Chief Officer, he made plans for the recapture of the vessel. Mr. Hurst, in answer to a defending solicitor estimated the casualties among the pirates as 10 or 11, and put the number of pirates participating in the capture of the "Sunning" at about 30 to 35. An interesting statement made by Mr. Hurst was that the pirate chief told him that \$3,000 had been expended on the coup.

The Second Engineer dealt with the setting fire by the pirates, of a lifeboat, which was a separate act of incendiarism, apart from firing of the ship.

THE MORNING HEARING.

Second Officer's Story.

Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared on behalf of the Crown. Mr. J. A. Gordon Leese, of Messrs. G. K. Hall Bratton & Co., defended the 19th accused—a Ningpo man, Mr. Leo d'Almada defended the second accused, whilst Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on behalf of So Tik Sai (the 6th accused) and ten others.

Mr. Hurst said that while the "Sunning" was at Amoy Chinese could, and did, move freely between the ship and the shore during the hours preceding her departure at about 9.30 a.m. on the 15th. In answer to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hurst said that at 3.40 p.m., he was on the bridge. Suddenly some one came up from behind and twisted his legs, causing him to fall on his back. When he looked up he found two men covering him with revolvers. He could not identify either of the two men.

Proceeding, witness said that he then rushed into the Captain's room followed by two pirates. The latter demanded, and received, the Captain's revolver and fifty rounds of ammunition. All returned to the bridge where a discussion took place in regard to changing the course of the ship.

Witness heard the pirates say that they wanted to go to Sai Mun and Pinghoi. He identified amongst these men the No. 1 and No. 2 prisoners now in Court. Witness then went to the Chief Officer's room where he found Mr. Lapsley, the Second Engineer, and the lady passenger. The Third Engineer joined the party later on.

A Hidden Automatic.

In witness's own cabin there was a rifle, a ship's revolver and a private revolver—an automatic. Witness went to his cabin at 4.30 and saw at once that the rifle and ship's revolver had been taken by the pirates. He was unable to look for his private automatic as a pirate was on guard outside. A few minutes later witness pointed out a passing ship. That made the guard leave him for the bridge. Witness put his automatic into his pocket and went to the bridge, where he found the Captain, Chief Officer, two quartermasters and four pirates. These four pirates were the 7th, 8th and 9th defendants and another tall man who wore spectacles. The latter was not in Court.

Continuing, witness said that he went down to arrange for tea. He was not followed either then or at any subsequent time. "After tea, I saw the Chief Officer on the bridge without a guard. He kept watch whilst I loaded my revolver and hid it in a drawer under the chart desk. I then went to search for more arms and found a revolver and fifty rounds of ammunition under some old clothing in the Second Engineer's room. At 6.30 I went up and told the Captain that dinner was ready. After dinner I got the Chief Officer aside in the Captain's cabin and we talked things over. At 9 p.m. a pirate came in and said that the grilles had been locked. The man appeared very suspicious. Another pirate came in with Mr. Lapsley. He was wearing Mr. Lapsley's shoes. Mr. Holmes: When did you last see Mr. Lapsley?—I saw him leaving the bridge at about midnight. I remained on the bridge after that.

Pirates Knocked Out.

Continuing, witness said that when Chiling Light appeared, "Acting in accordance with our plans, the Chief Officer handed the glasses to one of the pirates and pointed out the light. I picked up the lead, and, creeping from behind, I struck them both on the head. The first man was laid out completely, but the second man was only knocked down. He fired a shot and I gave him another blow with the lead. The 20th defendant was one of the two men, but I cannot say which. I then took the revolver from the first man and gave it to the Captain, myself getting the two that I had concealed in the chart desk.

"Under Cover of the Chief Engineer."

A minute later, an attempt was made to recapture the bridge. A gang arrived under cover of the Chief Engineer. We fired, but the Chief Officer's revolver jammed. I fired several shots as a result of which the pirates retreated. The lady passenger, wireless operator and Third Engineer then came up through the skylight.

POSITION IN SWATOW.

NO BRITISH CARGO.

ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL UNIONS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, December 7th. The boycott position is unchanged. Not a single package of British cargo is being imported by Chinese and the latter are not taking delivery of British goods from the godowns.

The local Unions have been busy amongst Northern charterers and British steamers are bringing practically nothing down. Beans and rice should normally be rolling in now.

It is the old story. The merchants are afraid to trade because of the intimidation of the Unions and there is no-one here capable of keeping the Unions in order.

Mr. Lo: At the time of that conversation, the pirates had no suspicion that you would attempt to recapture the ship? Witness: No.

Mr. Lo: Have you any doubt in your mind that the people who were shot were pirates? Witness: No. I believe they were pirates.

No. 6 Boat.

Referring to No. 6 boat, which Mr. Hurst saw from No. 2 boat, Mr. Lo asked: Do you mean when you speak of firing your revolver in the air that you would have fired at No. 6 boat if your shots had not been too small?

Witness: Yes, if I had had a chance I would have done.

Mr. Lo: Why would you have fired at it? Did you think that No. 6 boat contained pirates? Witness: I am quite sure it did, because I saw them fire from the poop deck before they launched this boat.

Mr. Lo: How many people do you estimate were in that boat? Witness: Between eight and twelve.

Mr. Hurst left the witness box at 3.30.

Second Engineer's Story.

The next witness called was the Second Engineer of the "Sunning," Mr. W. Orr, who stated that he was in his cabin at 3.50 p.m. on November 15th, when he heard police whistle blowing. He stepped out of his cabin, but was held up by three or four armed Chinese. All the men were armed with the exception of one, who carried a water bottle.

Witness said, when asked from what direction his assailants had come, that they must have come from forward and climbed over the grilles. He identified Nos. 1 and 2 accused and also No. 3 as being among the pirates.

Witness proceeded that he could not recognise in Court the men who held him up, except the seventh accused, who was the man who carried the water bottle and struck him with it partially stunning him. Witness was then taken to the Chief Officer's cabin in a dazed condition.

Witness went on to detail incidents which occurred while he was in the Chief Officer's cabin and which have previously been reported. He said that later he went down to the engine room, where he remained until seven o'clock, when he was relieved by the Chief Engineer. He identified No. 2 accused as a pirate who frequently visited the Chief Officer's cabin while he (witness) was there.

Witness proceeded to speak of the two men who were stunned by the Second Officer, with the lead, and said early in the morning of the 16th he lowered one of them, who was struggling along the bridge in a lifebelt, to the deck below. The other man who had been knocked out refused assistance and lowered himself.

Another Trial.

His Worship: I understand that this other injured man has been discharged from hospital, or is about to be discharged. [One of the alleged injured men, the twentieth accused, is at present in Court.]

Mr. Holmes: He has not been discharged to my knowledge. There were two sick men in hospital. One is ready or nearly ready to come into Court. The question is whether I should ask your Worship to start all over again to introduce this man, or have a fresh trial. The other man, whom you refer to, is still very sick. I cannot very well ask your Worship, at this stage, to open the case again for the sake of the other man.

His Worship: As it is very likely that the other man will die, will you ask for a fresh hearing for the other one?

Mr. Holmes replied that he thought this would be best, as he could concentrate on the case against this one particular man and he need only call such evidence as would apply to him. A fresh hearing would simplify matters.

Life Boat on Fire.

Mr. Orr proceeded with his evidence, and described how he saw pirates set fire to one of the boats. The covers were removed, and he saw a number of men, carrying cans, get into them. Afterwards he saw them leave and soon after smoke and flames issued from the boat in question. The boat was deliberately set on fire by the pirates, and was a separate act, apart from the setting fire to the ship. Later, with the help of passengers and crew, witness set to work to extinguish the flames.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned until this morning at eleven o'clock. Mr. Orr will then conclude his evidence and will be subjected to cross-examination. The hearing will be continued again this afternoon, when further evidence will be tendered.

A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE.

APPOINTMENT OF A MILITARY OFFICER.

POSSIBLE EFFECT ON LABOUR AGITATORS.

THE BANK CLERKS' STRIKE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Chiang Kai-Shek, upon the departure of the principal officials for Wuchang, ordered General Chien Ta Chun, Canton Garrison Commissioner, to act also as Chief of Police.

The appointment of a military as Chief of Police of Canton, will, it is hoped, be followed by the enforcement of the recent Kuomintang order prohibiting the arrest and punishment of citizens by labour agitators and Union officials.

The Labour Union officials have for a long time been exercising the power of arrest. This, however, is to be taken from them and they are to be debarred from picketing institutions concerned with public finance, communications, military supplies and food-stuffs.

The Bank Strike.

A conference of representative members of the Kuomintang, labour leaders and business men is being held in Canton with the object of finding some means of settling the strike of the bank employees. A supreme council appointed by the Kuomintang will act as arbitrators and it is expected that the trouble will be ended in a day or two.

Since the strike of printers in Canton in August, and the rise in wages, the number of newspapers in the City has been reduced from 40 to 15, and as a result several hundred workmen are unemployed. The decision of the Kuomintang to transfer part of its propaganda staff to Wuchang will also, it is thought, throw more men out of work. The number of printing establishments has been considerably reduced since the increase in printers' wages.

THE TRADE POSITION.

Reports have been circulated among the Chinese during the past few days that the boycott of the vessels of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company will end very shortly.

No official statement has been made upon the subject, but certainly, the prospects seem brighter, than they have been for some time past. Yesterday the Lungshan brought down over 1,300 packages of merchandise, in addition to her usual supplies of produce, and this may possibly be an indication that interference with the trade is ceasing. The Tung On brought down nearly 1,000 passengers and over 800 packages of general cargo.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CAFE PARISIEN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—The affairs of the Café Parisien—a café of much popularity amongst the British and other nationalities of this Colony—having come into the limelight, the writer, a person of British nationality of long residence in this Colony, would enquire as to why it is that amongst the members of the licensing board is to be found the director of a rival establishment. This does not seem like British Fair Play!

Do you not think that it would have been fairer had this gentleman refrained from using his vote and influence in this matter, where a rival and similar establishment to that of the one of which he is a director, is concerned?

DINER-OUT.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

OPENING PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.

The Philharmonic Society will open their season at the Theatre Royal to-night, when they will present "The Pirates of Penzance." The season extends throughout next week, concluding on Saturday, December 19th. The final dress rehearsal took place on Wednesday night and has fully come up to expectations. The performance is extremely well staged, and while the principals appeared to be holding themselves in reserve, the performance indicated that the presentation will be thoroughly enjoyable.

Booking has been heavier than ever before, and is likely to increase still further after the "first night" of this delightful Gilbert and Sullivan opera. The following are the principals: Mr. A. J. Brook (The Major General), Mr. R. Kewen (The Pirate King), Mr. B. S. W. Paterson (Samuel), Mr. D. M. Richards (Frederick), Mrs. A. M. Bowers (Mabel), Mrs. W. G. Watt (Ruth), Miss D. Punccheon (Edith), Mrs. W. B. Fleming (Kate), and Miss V. Jefford (Isabel).

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th December, 1926. [4291]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 6/NS 4700 dated HONGKONG, 31st AUGUST, 1917, for Three Shares of this Bank Numbered 54094, 54095 and 54096 in the Name of Mr. LO KWONG LUM has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 1st JANUARY, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS 4700 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th December, 1926. [4292]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certified Transfer Deed for One Share of this Bank Numbered 62558 in the Name of Mr. ANTHONY HENRY CARROLL stated to have been completed by Mrs. E. M. STAPLETON has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certified Transfer Deed not be produced before the 1st JANUARY, 1927, a New Certified Transfer Deed will be issued, and the aforesaid Certified Transfer Deed will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th December, 1926. [4293]

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1926.

THE Board having declared a FINAL DIVIDEND of 5% (five per cent), free of Income Tax, for the year ending 30th JUNE, 1926. Holders of Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividend on presenting No. 30 Coupon of the Share Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of the following Banks:-

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P. C. YOUNG,
General Manager,
THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [4278]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

COMPANIES WINDING UP No. 3 of 1926

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911-1925, AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

BY Order of the Court dated the 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1926, the OFFICIAL RECEIVER of the Supreme Court, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, has appointed Liquidator of the above Bank without a Committee of Inspection with powers limited as provided by the Order of the Court dated the 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1926, whereby he was appointed Provisional Liquidator.

Dated the 8th day of December, 1926.
E. L. AGASSIZ,
Official Receiver and Liquidator. [4277]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF KATHERINE ISABEL SAUNDERS, Late of AMOY in the REPUBLIC OF CHINA, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Supreme Court of Hong Kong has in accordance with Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the Time for sending in Claims against the above Estate to the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1927.

All Claims against the said Estate should be sent in by that Date to the Underwood. Dated this 3rd day of December, 1926.
DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executors,
1, Des Vaux Road Central, Hong Kong. [4256]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

PROSPECT PLACE, BONHAM ROAD.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR begins DECEMBER 18th. Entrance Examination for New Boys, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th at 9.30 A.M. For Prospectus for Boarders and Day-boys, apply ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, Prospect Place. [4182]

INTIMATIONS.

MRS. SEMA RELILIOS, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of the above named Deceased are requested to send them to the Underigned as soon as possible.
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors, etc.,
Prince's Building,
6th December, 1926. [4257]

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

ACTING under Instructions from the Inspector General of Customs, I have this Day Taken Over Charge of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District from Mr. W. O. LAW, Deputy Commissioner in charge ad interim.

F. HAYLEY REEL,
Commissioner.
Office of Chinese Maritime Customs
For Kowloon and District,
York Buildings,
Hong Kong, 7th December, 1926. [4273]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 37, Gossau's Buildings, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd DECEMBER, 1926, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1926, until THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER, 1926, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 8th December, 1926. [4279]

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PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1926. [4218]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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Dated the 9th day of December, 1926. [4230]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET,
Dated the 9th day of December, 1926. [4274]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

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B. SCOTT,
Resident Councillor,
PENANG. [4261]

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DEATH.

MOORE.—On December 9th, at Peak Hospital, JOHN BENJAMIN MOORE, native of Hull, England, Wireless Superintendent, China Navigation Co., Ltd. Aged 33 years. Deeply regretted. Funeral will pass Monument, Happy Valley, at 8.15 to-day (Friday). [4285]

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 10th, 1926.

BRITISH TRADE OPINION AFTER THE COAL STRIKE.

Business opinion in England considers that a fairly rapid trade recovery may be expected now that the calamity of the coal stoppage is a thing of the past. To begin with, it will be possible to plan and make arrangements ahead. This was out of the question for nearly a couple of years. There was too much uncertainty. There was an uncertainty regarding what might happen when the old agreement between coal owners and miners expired in the late Summer of 1925; then nobody could say whether peace would be preserved after the Government subsidy came to an end last April; and subsequently the country has gone through the General Strike and the protracted coal strike. It says much for the recuperative power of Great Britain that she has been able to withstand these formidable threats and assaults on her economic life and still present to the world a majestic spectacle of greatness. The qualities of tenacity and courage which carried the nation through the war will enable it to recover despite the plots and contrivances of Communists who are at the bottom of the recent troubles. We believe that in one sense the desperate but futile attempts to ruin every branch of industry by first ruining the key industry—coal—may prove a blessing in disguise. It has demonstrated that the power of the "Reds" is limited. They have boasted of what they would do when they had the chance. They have had the chance and failed, and they know it, and the whole world knows it, too, including their masters in Moscow.

The British public is slow to move, and it has taken a long time for the average man and woman to grasp the plain truth that the industrial troubles which have beset the country in recent years are political in their origin and aims. The leaders of strike have cleverly striven to represent these strikes as legitimate disputes between Capital and Labour. But the General Strike opened the eyes of people to the position, and the lesson was enforced by the persistent refusal of the Miners' Federation—which is controlled by extremists—to come to an agreement with the owners. Towards the end of the long-drawn-out coal stoppage Mr. Cook dropped the fatuous pretence that it was an industrial dispute. He was forced to do so by the logic of facts, and chiefly by the impressive fact that 300,000 miners drifted back to the pits on local agreements leaving him and his followers to rant and rave unheeded. The money received by the strike leaders from Russia also had a powerful influence on public opinion. It was repugnant to every decent Englishman, including Trade Unionists, to see vast sums coming from Soviet sources, not only because the act of sending it disclosed an unmistakable desire on the part of foreigners to meddle in a domestic quarrel, but obviously because such contributions were intended to prolong a struggle which meant grievous injury to Great Britain. Here again the underlying political character of the coal strike was apparent.

The atmosphere in industry has been cleared, therefore, by what has happened, and the power of Communists for evil has been publicly revealed. They have their limitations. This is not to say they will now cease from troubling; on the contrary they seem eager to redouble their efforts to obtain ascendancy in the Trade Union movement. But for a considerable time to come peace is assured in the coalfields, and we are glad to learn that a better understanding between masters and men is reported. The miners are working with a will. With the prospect of stable conditions people are beginning to face the new situation, and while no effort will be spared by leaders of industry to go ahead, the Government is expected to do whatever is possible to assist the business community. The question of public expenditure is engaging attention. A demand is made that this should be cut down most ruthlessly and that no effort should be spared to increase British export trade. It was the expectation of industry that some of its heavy burdens on account of social services would be relieved as a result of the drain the coal stoppage has imposed on the country, and if possibly something will be done in this direction.

There is a grain of comfort in the review of one of the large banks, in which the conclusion is reached that by the aid of Britain's invisible exports the nation is paying its way. But the margin is fine. The loss on exports of coal is, as might be supposed, heavy, for according to the Board of Trade returns shipments abroad fell during the ten months of this year (January to October) by £24,968,287 below the level of last year's. There was also a corresponding decrease in the exports of iron and steel; but the worst is, it is hoped, now past. Another grain of comfort may be mentioned on the authority of a coal owner to the effect that Great Britain should in due course recover her export coal trade, as the foreign coal which old customers had been compelled to use during the strike period had given practical proof of the natural superiority for many special purposes, of British coal.

On Wednesday one Chinese case of enteric fever was reported.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday two Chinese were each fined \$10 for cruelty to pigs.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Amoy on account of cholera, have been withdrawn.

Among those who returned to the Colony on Wednesday by the s.s. *Glenchiel* was Mr. T. Thompson, L.D.S.

A car, driven by Mr. Ahwee, knocked down a Chinese on the Saikung Road on Wednesday. Suffering from leg injuries, the man was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The total output of the Kwan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 27th amounted to 81,657 tons, and the sales during the period to 80,533 tons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eldridge, accompanied by Masters W. and G. Eldridge, are returning to the Colony by the P. & O. s.s. *Magnolia*, sailing from London on January 14th.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Walter Shillito Curtis, electrical engineer, residing at No. 23A, Cameron Road, Kowloon, to Miss Emma Mercer, residing at the Italian Convent, Caine Road.

A well-attended musicale was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. Songs were given by Lieut. Bedell, R.N., Mrs. Sanger, and Mrs. Bowes-Smith. Mrs. Aubrey contributed violin solos. Mrs. Austin was the accompanist.

The marriage took place in London on November 8th of Mr. John Ellis Langford Hunter (late R.N.A.S.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hunter, of Shanghai, to Mrs. Gwendolen Mary Cleaton Mulock, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cleaton.

Mr. McCollum represented a Chinese defendant yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl, when charges of attempted robbery and possession of a dagger were preferred. Defendant was arrested at 23B, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Yesterday evening a ricksha containing a European lady passenger collided with a motorcar in Cameron Road, Kowloon. The lady was thrown out of the ricksha, but whether or no she was injured is not known as the Police could not ascertain who she was. The coolie was slightly injured and the ricksha was damaged.

Among the passengers on board the s.s. *Carinthia* are Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Porte, of Salt Lake City, U.S.A. Mr. Porte, who is the President of the Ports Publishing Company, is a great authority on printing.

Sir Frederick Lugard, a former Governor of Hong Kong, is the British member attending the tenth session of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League, which opened at Geneva on November 4th.

A Chinese was prevented from committing suicide on Wednesday. He had jumped off Jardine's Wharf at West Point, into the water but a sampan was nearby and its occupants rescued the would-be suicide.

The sale, by order of the mortgagee, of leasehold property at No. 3, Argyle Street, Ho Mun Tin, Kowloon, which was to have taken place at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, was postponed *sine die*.

Mr. J. H. Taggart, managing-director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., returned to Hong Kong yesterday morning by the *President Wilson*, from San Francisco, *via* Shanghai. Mr. Taggart has been away on holiday, much of which he spent in London. He made the return journey *via* New York.

Removal of letters of administration in connection with the estate of Mr. James Campbell Hanning, banker, who died in London on December 2nd, 1925, have been granted locally to Mr. L. R. Andrews, the attorney of deceased's brother. Deceased left \$1,100 in the Colony, \$55 in Scotland, and £3,621 in England.

A number of ricksha coolies held up a sailor, s.s. *Carl Legion* in Point Road, Shanghai, recently, and got away with \$10. Later, the same night ten men, two armed with pistols, entered a house in Tungan Road, off Great Western Road, and after firing a number of shots and demanding the wife of the shoemaker, from whom they stole shoes valued at about \$19, the gang got away.

Four armed robbers entered a preserved meat-dealer's shop in Reclamation Street, Mongkok, yesterday evening, but decamped without stealing anything. They herded the meat dealer and his family into a cubicle, but did not guard them. They made an effort to open the safe but did not succeed. "When they went out," said the dealer in his report to the Police, "I threw a chair after them." No arrests were made last night.

The cruiser, H.M.S. *Enterprise*, which has been detached from the East Indies Squadron for service with the China Squadron, in view of the unsettled conditions in the North Sea, is due to reach Hong Kong on December 16th. She is commanded by Capt. H. Fitzherbert, C.M.G. Other officers include Comdr. J. C. J. Soutter and Capt. M. H. W. Webb-Brown, R.M. The *Enterprise* is a cruiser of 7,500 tons, and carries seven 6-inch guns, three 4-inch anti-aircraft guns, and four three-pounders.

Organised by the Victoria Branch of the Ministering Children's League, a dance is to be held at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday next in aid of the funds of the M.C.L. The arrangements for the function are being carried out by Mrs. Hazelland, Mrs. Sedg, Mrs. Banje and Mrs. Brister, and a very pleasant evening is assured. The Lyric Orchestra will provide the dance music, and tickets which are \$2 each, may be obtained either from the Helena May Institute or from Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

Mrs. Compton-Smith left Liverpool on November 8th for Hong Kong, to become the wife of Major G. L. Peterson, R.A.S.C. Barely has the House of Commons been more moved, says the *China Express* and *Telegraph*, than when Sir Hamar Greenwood, at that time Chief Secretary for Ireland, read the last letter written by Major Geoffrey Lees Compton-Smith to his wife, after being captured by Sinn Feiners while unarmoured at Blarney. Even his captors were inspired by the gallant spirit in which he accepted the situation. Mrs. Compton-Smith is Gladys Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lloyd, of Winchfield, Hants. Her first husband was a major in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and had been wounded in action at the time of their marriage in 1916. Mrs. Compton-Smith was awarded £10,000 in the Recorder's Court of Cork after the great tragedy of her life.

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A Hong Kong junk was pirated off Pak Tang Island in Chinese waters on November 8th, but an account of the affair was only forthcoming with the junk's return to Hong Kong on Wednesday night.

The junk left on November 7th for Pak Sui, in the Hsuehshan district, with a cargo of 1,100 piculs of salt. On board were eight men, one woman and two children. Next day they were stopped by a sampan, containing 13 men armed with revolvers and rifles. Nine pirates got on board, and imprisoned the occupants, but later releasing them ordered them to set sail. Arriving at Tam Fong Kok the cargo was discharged. The pirates remained on board until December 6th, when they left taking away with them six persons, including the master, a steersman, a boatman, the woman and the two children. The remainder were told to return to Hong Kong for ransom for the captives.

The story of the piracy was related to the Water Police yesterday, by one of the returned crew.

The stolen property, which included the junk's armory, clothing and cargo is valued at \$1,530.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

December 9th.
Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 5,850 tons, Capt. J. Kojima, from Moji, which port she left on December 4th, with 400 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
 December 8th.
Chinkwa, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. R. Ritchie, from Bangkok and Kohsi-chang. The latter port she left on December 1st, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—B. & S.
Ho Tung, British str., 5,397 tons, Capt. J. Wright, from Singapore, which port she left on December 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Kuoyo Maru, Japanese str., 2,744 tons, Capt. T. Yoshitaka, from Moji, which port she left on December 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.
Zai Sang, British str., 2,225 tons, Capt. W. Field Hook, from Kobe, which port she left on December 3rd, with 1,050 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Livingstone, Norwegian str., 918 tons, Capt. K. W. Nyquist, from Canton, with a nil entry, lying at buoy No. C44.—Wallen & Co.

Paling Maru, Japanese str., 1,668 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—N.Y.K.
Wingwo, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. J. A. de Lemos, from Port Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Koo Co.
 December 9th.
Alexander Kielland, Norwegian str., 1,805 tons, Capt. W. Asbjornsen, from Bangkok and Holbow, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B31. Chin Seng.
Anhui, British str., 2,030 tons, Capt. G. P. Pennefather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. A27.—B. & S.
Cullens, German str., 5,395 tons, Capt. Wilhelm Reher, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Melchers & Co.
Esquilino, Italian str., 5,415 tons, Capt. G. Nicolich, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 8th, with a cargo of bean oil, lying at buoy No. A28.—Dodwell & Co.
Haiching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.



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Pakliwa (P. & O.), due December 13th, about 7 a.m.

December 9th.
Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. H. P. Carver, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei. The latter port she left on December 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S.
Nishin Maru, Japanese str., 1,401 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Dairen, which port she left on December 2nd, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B50.—Suzuki & Co.
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Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. Wm. Lumsden, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

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 KASSETA MARU ... Saturday, 1st Jan. at 11 a.m.
 SUYA MARU ... Saturday, 15th Jan. at 11 a.m.
 FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 29th Jan. at 11 a.m.
 HAKOZAKI MARU ... Saturday, 18th Feb. at 11 a.m.

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 TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Dec. at 11 a.m.
 AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Jan. at 11 a.m.
 MISEHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Feb. at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
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 ASUKA MARU ... Monday, 17th Jan.
 TASUNO MARU ... Thursday, 10th Feb.

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 KAWACHI MARU ... Friday, 31st Dec.
 BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
 SADO MARU ... Saturday, 11th Dec.
 YAMAGATA MARU ... Saturday, 18th Dec.

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 CEYLON MARU ... Thursday, 30th Dec.

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 FUSHIMI MARU ... Monday, 13th Dec.
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"DELTA"	8,097	10th Dec. 4 p.m.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,139	11th Dec. Noon	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	9,823	2nd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	8th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"MIRZAPUR"	8,715	29th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"NYANZA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"NELLORE"	9,823	5th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,922	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	13th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"NYANZA"	7,023	17th March	Marseilles and London.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"MACEDONIA"	11,139	2nd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"DELTA"	8,097	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHEGAR"	10,922	30th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"MALWA"	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHIVA"	10,158	28th May	Marseilles and London.

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"TAKLIWA"	7,936	2nd Jan.
"TAKADA"	6,940	9th Jan.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	31st Dec.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th Jan.
"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April
"TANDA"	6,956	2nd June, 4 p.m.

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"MALWA"	10,914	10th Dec. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	11th Dec. 4 p.m.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHEGAR"	9,823	13th Dec. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th Dec.	Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,940	22nd Dec.	Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHEGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,922	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	9,823	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
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"NYANZA"	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,139	4th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
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"KALYAN"	9,144	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"SHANTUNG"	On 14th Dec. 6 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	"LUOHOW"	On 19th Dec. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 19th Dec. 10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUITANG"	On 21st Dec. 6 a.m.
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